



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist ***Liturgy of the Word***

Prelude

Voluntary

William Boyce

Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.

Entrance Hymn

I'll praise my maker while I've breath

Hymnal 429

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A Reading from the Book of Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

All stand as able and say together.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

BCP p. 328

Leader

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace.¹

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Liz, and Dick*, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Gavin, our Governor*, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Adele, Babs, Linda, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Brian, Frank, Julie, Emily, Bruce, John, Charly, Paul, Mary, Christy, Carol, Diane, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim** and those enduring a long term illness *especially Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel* and those others on our hearts and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those affected by acts of violence or recovering from fires and floods.

(See page 8 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear *especially (The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud) and those whose names we bring before God*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Peace

All stand as they are able.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give. (For Information on ways to give, see the last page of this bulletin.)

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Offertory

Adoration

Florence Price

Presentation Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Hymnal 437

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

BCP p. 333

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP p. 336

Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 337

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP p. 337

Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord’s will that those who want him should meet him here.

All are welcome to come forward. The table we set is the Lord’s. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish to receive a blessing.

Suggestion: Open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You’ll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music

Adagio from Autumn of A. Vivaldi's Four Seasons

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

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Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of Almighty God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

Please stand as you are able.

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Please be seated.

Dismissal

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Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Allegro from Autumn of A. Vivaldi's Four Seasons

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¹ *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron.



Serving This Week

Team 5– 5th Sunday of the Month

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Peter Bowers, Jo Ellen
Psalm	Peter Bowers
Lay Readers	Jo Ellen Heil
Prayers of the People	Jo Ellen Heil
Ushers	Dela & Jim Parker
Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Susan Talmadge, Carole Nelson
Flower Guild	Renee Bower, Carole Nelson
Facility Lock Up	Larry Myers
Cantor	Natalie Epelone
Hospitality Sponsors	Vicki Paul

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
9/29	9:30 am	Ushers Training and Review
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship and Formation (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Compline
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon.	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
9/30		
Tues.	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
10/1	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Kahler Hall & Community Room)
Weds.	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
10/2	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs.	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
10/3	6:00 pm	Twelve Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
10/4	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat.	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
10/5		
Sun.	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service with Blessing of the Animals
10/6	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service with Blessing of the Animals
	11:30 am	Fellowship and Formation (Kahler Hall)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Sanctuary/Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 29, 2019

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams, Dick Swanson
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Adele, Babs, Linda, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Brian, Frank, Julie, Emily, Bruce, John, Charly, Paul, Mary, Christy, Carol, Diane, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County; the city councils of the communities in which we live; public safety and emergency personnel in Ventura County
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints; Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaowo, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Project Understanding and FOOD Share Ventura County*

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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Announcements September 29, 2019

Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.

Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!

We invite you to join us again next Sunday!



Please help us thank the following people
for our refreshments this morning:

8:00 am- Vicki Paul

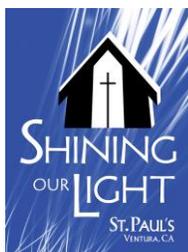
**10:15 am- Ralph & Kay Armstrong, David & RoseAnn Hill,
Janalee Young**

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Kathy & Tim Helms

10:15-Susan Talmadge, Ruth McCool, Ernie & Bert Fickerson

If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

**The Vestry Greeter today is Ruth McCool,
come by and say hello**



Supporting the Mission and Ministry of St. Paul's as we move into the future.

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN – SHINING OUR LIGHT

Now that we've celebrated our 130th Anniversary, it's time for us to turn our attention to the future. Come learn about our plans for the coming year and beyond. We want to be good stewards of all the wonderful blessings we've been given. Help us as we continue the journey by calling others to join us and doing what we can to help future generations of St. Paul's keep the faith for another 130 years or more!

Please pledge to support the mission and ministry of St. Paul's through 2020. Your commitment is both needed and greatly appreciated!



Are you an Usher or would you like to learn about becoming one?

USHERS TRAINING & REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 29 AT 9:30AM

Bring your friends and your questions. Join us as we review the role of our ushers and introduce our newest ushers to this important ministry. We are so grateful for all your wonderful work. Come meet with us and share your wisdom. We look forward to seeing you there!



Invite your friends, and come refresh your soul

Compline: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day Tonight at 7pm

St. Paul's Choir invites you to join us for our first contemplative Compline service of the season. Come calm your soul at the end of the day during our brief, candle-lit, choral prayer service. The church will remain open after the service for those who wish to continue their prayers, light a votive candle, or walk the labyrinth by candlelight. Donations will support the Music Ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura. Please help us spread the word, all are welcome!



Services will be in Kahler Hall at 8am & 10:15am
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - Sunday, October 6



Bring your furry, feathered and scaly friends (or a picture) and join us for this wonderful service. We blessed stuffed animals too!



Instead of their regular Sunday School classes, Youth & Children's are invited to participate in the Blessing of the Animals. Join us at 10am for the Children's Sermon in Kahler Hall and stay to help bless the water and the animals. You're welcome to bring your pets and any stuffed animals or pictures.



Calling all Lay Eucharistic Ministers & Servers
LEM AND SERVER TRAINING & REVIEW – Sun. 10/13 at 9:30am

If you are a Chalice Bearer and/or one of our dedicated Servers, please join us for this important meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!



Come learn ASL with us!
FREE COURSE IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) – 10/13, 10/20, 10/27

Join us for this wonderful three-week series 11:45am – 12:45pm in the Community Room at St. Paul's. This is a great class for first-time learners and if you already know some signs, we'll teach you more. In our October series, we'll focus on: Manual Alphabet (fingerspelling), Introductions, Family Signs, and Colors. Invite your friends, all are welcome, and the classes are free.



Come get your hands dirty and help in our Congregational Garden
MORNING OF PLANTING AND SEEDING – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 8:30-NOON

We hope you've had a chance to stop over this summer to enjoy the sunflowers and veggies. Many flowers have made an appearance in our Sanctuary arrangements! A reminder that everything that we grow there is communal, and we'd love it if you take anything that is ripe for use at home or share bouquets with friends and loved ones! Please let us know if you can come and help on 10/19. We'd love to have you join us.



Getting ready for our next meeting
1st Monday Women's Book Club – Monday, October 7, 5:30pm at Panera

Our next get together will be Monday, October 7. We will discuss The Woman Who Smashed Codes by Jason Fagone. It was one of the two selections we had for last month so now we will get caught up.



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"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

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Thank you so much! It is great to be with you on this journey of faith.

