



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Nineteenth 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

O Word of God Incarnate

arr. Aaron David Miller

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

Processional Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Hymnal 535

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Genesis 32:22-31

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

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 told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

All stand as able and say together.

Prayers of the People

BCP p. 328

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Celebrant

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, Erika, John, Charly, Paul, Mary, Christy, Carol, Diane, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim, Isaiah** 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 Devlin Nicholson, John Powell, Anne Rittenour, Ray Cubberly* 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.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 330

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.

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.

Hebrews 13:15,16

Offertory

Voluntary

Charles Zeuner

Presentation Hymn

I to the hills will lift mine eyes

Hymnal 668

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 for before or after Communion: Open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music

2 Hymntunes

arr. William Lloyd Webber and Noel Rawsthorne

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 339

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Spread, O spread thou mighty word

Hymnal 530

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal

BCP p. 339

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Postlude No. 1

Denis Bedárd

Acknowledgements and Copyright Information

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

Serving This Week

Team 3 – 3rd Sunday of the Month

Acolytes

Jo Ellen Heil

Chalice

Peter Bowers, Jo Ellen

Psalm

Peter Bowers

Lay Readers

Lori Burke

Prayers of the People

Jo Ellen Heil

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Duffy Anderson

Flower Guild

Sarah & Gabriel Lamola, Susan & Teddy Bek,
Carmela Carreno

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Nate Alday

Cantor

Diego Magaña

Hospitality Sponsors

Richard Goodman

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 10/20	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	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)
	11:45 am	Introduction to ASL (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 10/21	9:30 am	Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Ave.)
	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 10/22	10:00	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
Weds. 10/23	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 10/24	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	11:00 am	Digital Disciples Meeting (Room 13)
	6:00 pm	Twelve Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 10/25	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 10/26	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 10/27	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:30 am	Newcomer Coffee with our Clergy (Community Room)
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Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 20, 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, Erika, John, Charly, Paul, Mary, Christy, Carol, Diane, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim, Isaiah

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 ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + 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 Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

IN MEMORIAM

Devlin Nicholson
John Powell
Anne Rittenour
Ray Cubberly

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 October 20, 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-Richard Goodman

10:15 am- Bruce & Judy Kelly, Nate & Anne Alday, Greg & Karyn Jackson

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Dela Parker, Bill Brewer

10:15-Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Woody & Louise Bretz,

Paul & Marilyn Angelo

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

The Vestry Greeter today is Grace Dunlevy come by and say hello



Not too late to Join in - *Come learn ASL with us!*

FREE COURSE IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) – 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.



Newcomer Coffee with our Clergy

4TH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
(meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall)

10/27 at 9:30am

Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries



Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!

MEET PEOPLE, ASK YOUR QUESTIONS, EXPLORE THE FAITH

All are welcome!



A fun event for kids of all ages!

TRUNK OR TREAT ON THE FOUNTAIN PATIO - Sunday, October 27 at 11:45am

Come join in the fun after church on the patio. We'll have candy, contests, games, treats, and lots of fun together. Bring or wear your best costume. (Please no weapons or super scary stuff. Remember we have little ones, too!)



Want to join in the fun and support Youth & Children's Ministries?

SIGN UP TO HOST A TABLE - Sun., October 27 at 11:45am

We're throwing a Halloween Party for the Kids and want to invite you to join in the fun. Sign up to host a table. We'll provide the table, you bring the decorations, Halloween treats and any fund games or activities. (Nothing too scary, though. Remember we have little ones too. Thanks for your support!)



Want to help feed the hungry?

IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE LUNCH – Monday, October 21

Come help us serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.

	<p><i>Thank you for your pledge to support St. Paul's!</i></p> <p>A BIG "THANK YOU!" TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE A PLEDGE</p> <p>We have two big goals this year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Bring in a total of at least 100 pledges</i> 2. <i>Realize an average increase of \$25 per month on this year's pledges</i> <p>Why? So that we can continue to grow and keep enjoying the additions and improvements to our Music Ministry, Youth & Children's Ministries and Deaf Ministry.</p> <p>We hope no one will feel pressured, just inspired to do what they can. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you decide to pledge. Thank you!</p>
	<p><i>Working together in our Congregational Garden</i></p> <p>THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED IN YESTERDAY</p> <p>We gathered for a morning of seeding and planting. The plants that produced so beautifully during the summer were ready to be removed. New seeds and plants were added to create a wonderful new Fall garden. It was great fun getting our hands dirty together! A reminder that everything that we grow 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! Stop by frequently and watch things grow.</p>
	<p>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY – NOVEMBER 3</p> <p>The next baptism opportunity will be on Sunday, November 3rd during the All Saints Day Celebration. <i>We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, please speak with Rev. Susan or Rev. Liz to make arrangements. We look forward to it!</i></p>
	<p>PREPARING FOR ALL SOUL'S DAY - We will honor all those we love but see no longer at the 9am service on Wednesday, November 6th</p> <p>Would you like to add a loved one to the list of those we will remember on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day? We are adding to last year's list and welcome your additions. Please submit your additions to the office no later than Wednesday, October 23.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">FALL BACK – NOVEMBER 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daylight Savings time ends. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour!</p>
	<p><i>All are welcome and invited to become members of St. Paul's and join us on this journey of faith</i></p> <p>NEW MEMBER BLESSING – November 10 at 8am and 10:15am Services</p> <p>Are you a new member? We'd love to offer a special prayer for you. All current members are encouraged to attend. New members, please RSVP by the Tuesday before this date. revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org <i>We look forward to seeing you there!</i></p>
	<p>COMPLINE: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day - Sunday, November 10 at 7 pm</p> <p>St. Paul's Choir invites you to join us for our second 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!</p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page</p>	<p><i>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</i></p> <p>Thank you for your generosity!</p> <p>Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at www.saintpaulsventura.org or use this QR code. Members give of their time through many ministries and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Generosity involves the giving of time, talent and treasure. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to share.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you so much! It is great to be with you on this journey of faith.</p>



A Little Something Extra
***What difference
 would it make?***

**WE'RE SHINING OUR LIGHT AND
 REACHING FOR SOMETHING MORE**

Why? For the past three years we've enjoyed the benefits of the Comprehensive Growth Project, a program funded entirely by legacy gifts given as bequests. The project is now coming to an end, but we'd like to see the growth continue. So, we need to raise the usual amount to cover our operating expenses plus funds to keep things growing.

How much extra do we need? \$77,000. That's a big number! But don't get discouraged, it is possible.

Here's How: Bring in at least 100 pledges...*(we're very close to that now and with so many new members, it's likely)*...and strive to increase pledge amounts by an average of \$25 a month. *(Not everyone will be able to do it, but some may be able to do more. We have faith that, with a little help from the Spirit, it will all work out.*

What difference would it make?

It would bring in an extra \$30,000.00!

What about the rest of the money we'll need? Don't worry. The Growth Project has some leftover funds that can make up the difference.

What about the next year? Is this plan sustainable? Yes, we think it is! Over the next three years we expect to continue growing, so pledge income will likely stay at least this high, we'll use some more of the remaining Growth Project funds, and realize more income from available space on our campus. Lots of exciting possibilities are coming into focus!

We don't want anyone to feel pressured, just inspired.

If you can't help in this way, please don't worry. If you can help, please join in.

We appreciate whatever you can give and look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you decide to pledge.



You are invited...

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY
 November 3rd**

At the conclusion of our Annual Giving Campaign,
 We invite you to come celebrate

All Saints Day
 Festival services and amazing music
 Services at 8am and 10:15am

&
 11:45am Be Our Guest
 for a Special Celebration Luncheon

We'd like to thank you for your support!