



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:

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October 27, 2019 8 a.m.

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

Variations on St. Anne

Ann Slowins

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

Processional Hymn

O God, our help in ages past

Hymnal 680

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Sirach 35:12-17

A Reading from the Book of Sirach.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-6

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

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 this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Liz Williams

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 **Onofre, Adele, Babs, Linda, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Brian, Frank, Julie, Emily, Bruce, Erika, John, Briana, 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 *Andante from Piano Sonata #12, Op. 36* *Ludwig von Beethoven*

Presentation Hymn **How lovely is thy dwelling place** **Hymnal 517**
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 *Contemplation* *Frederick Bincks*

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

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Hymnal 637

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

Unto God Be the Glory

Gilbert Martin

Acknowledgements and Copyright Information

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

Serving This Week

Team Four – 4th Sunday of the Month

Acolytes

Jo Ellen Heil

Chalice

Jo Ellen Heil, Lori Burke

Psalm

Jo Ellen Heil

Lay Readers

Liz McEwan, Pauli Powers

Prayers of the People

Lori Burke

Ushers

Dela & Jim Parker, Richard Goodman

Altar Guild

Rose Hayden-Smith, Anna Darby, Vicki Paul

Flower Guild

Heidi Trevisan, Valerie Ortiz

Facility Lock Up

Woody Bretz

Cantor

Reid Edwards

Hospitality Sponsors

Dela Parker, Bill Brewer

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 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)
	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. 10/28	5:00 pm	Daisy Scout Troop 65014 (Community Room)
	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 10/29	10:00	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
Weds. 10/30	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 10/31	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 11/1	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 11/2	1:00 pm	Memorial Service and Internment for Ray Cubberly
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 11/3	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	Celebration Lunch (Kahler Hall)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel/ Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)



Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 27, 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:

Onofre, Adele, Babs, Linda, Brenda, James, Joel, Jacob, Carolyn, Steve, Bob, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Brian, Frank, Julie, Emily, Bruce, Erika, John, Briana, 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 spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179, Girl Scout Daisy Troop 65014, La Famiglia Preschool, and VCSAGE
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2019 vestry members and officers are Ted Andrews, Kay Armstrong, Woody Bretz (Junior Warden), Kathleen Crookston, Drew Darby (Treasurer), Grace Dunlevy, Cheri Gonzales, Rose Hayden-Smith (Senior Warden), Sarah Lamola, Kathy Loest (Clerk), Ruth McCool, Ian McEwan, Dan Wakelee
- + 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: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiauso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

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 27, 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-Dela Parker, Bill Brewer

**10:15 am- Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Woody & Louise Bretz
Paul & Marilyn Angelo**

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Carl Helms

10:15-Bridget Wareham, Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Lori Redding

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

The Vestry Greeter today is Kay Armstrong come by and say hello



Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!

Newcomer Coffee with our Clergy - Today at 9:30am

Join us in the Community Room (the meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Our topic this month is: *Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries*. Come meet people, ask questions and explore the faith. *All are welcome!* Our next Coffee with our Clergy will be 11/24.



A fun event for kids of all ages!

TRUNK OR TREAT ON THE FOUNTAIN PATIO Today 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!)



Thank you to all who are joining in to support Youth & Children's Ministries?

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR TABLE HOSTS

We are providing the tables, they've provided the decorations, Halloween treats and fun games and activities. A special "Thank You" to the Kemp family for organizing all the fun!



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

FREE COURSE IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) – 10/27

Join us 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.



NOVEMBER 3 Daylight Savings time ends. Set your clock back one hour!



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 & at 11:45am

Be Our Guest for a Special Celebration Luncheon

We'd like to thank you for your support

	<p><i>Thank you for helping feed the hungry!</i> LAST MONDAY, October 21 Because of the generosity of this congregation, and the willing hands of all our volunteers, we were able to serve lunch to 250 hungry people. Thank you so much for your support!</p>
	<p><i>Thank you for your pledge to support St. Paul's!</i> A BIG "THANK YOU!" TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE A PLEDGE 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. 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! <i>If you haven't pledged yet, please get back to us soon. We appreciate your support!</i></p>
	<p><i>Looking for a way to REACH out and help make the world a little better?</i> THIS MONTH, WE'RE REACHING FOR PETS Let's REACH for pets and bless our animal friends, especially those who are in need of a "fur"ever home. We will be collecting for homeless pets in Ventura County. Fill a red REACH bag and return it to church, or the church office, by the end of October. The items will be distributed to CARL and the Camarillo Animal Shelter.</p>
	<p>PREPARING FOR ALL SOUL'S DAY - We will honor all those we love but see no longer at the <u>9am service on Wednesday, November 6th</u> 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 right away.</p>
	<p><i>All are welcome and invited to become members of St. Paul's and join us on this journey of faith</i> NEW MEMBER BLESSING – November 10 at 8am and 10:15am Services 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 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>FIRST MONDAY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – Monday, November 4 5:30-7pm at Panera This month's selection is Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini. All women of the parish and their friends are invited to attend. We'd love to see you there! Sponsored by the Daughters of the King.</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> Thank you for your generosity! 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. 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 FRESHENING 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.



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