



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.*



*Online Bulletin*

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## **The Epiphany (Observed)**

**Rite I, Year A**

**January 12, 2020 8:00 a.m.**

### **WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!**

*Whether this is your first visit, or you've 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. Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms.*

***Coffee Hour** - You're invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service. Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve the world in the name of Christ.*

*Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable. We're glad you're here.*

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

**Prelude**

*Judean Pastorale*

*Franklin Ashdown*

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

**Processional**

**We three kings of Orient are**

**Hymnal 128**

**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 for ever. 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.



**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*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**

Isaiah 60:1-6

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 72:1-7

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

## Second Reading

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

*Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.*

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**        **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Liz Williams

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*BCP p. 326*

*All stand as they are 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.

*Server*

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.\*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; 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 **Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Doug, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim** and those enduring a long term illness *especially Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Doug, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim* and those others on our hearts and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*(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 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**

*BCP p. 330*

*All stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

## **Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions**

### ***Liturgy of the Table***

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

### **Offertory**

*Glory be to God*

*Nigerian hymn, arr. Godwin Sadoh*

### **Presentation Hymn**

**Go tell it on the mountain**

**Hymnal 99**

*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 his will that those who want him should meet him here.

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. 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 a blessing from the priest.*

## **Communion Music**

*At the Cradle*

*Ben Logan*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*BCP p. 339*

*Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.*

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord grant you his peace, now and forever. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn**

**What star is this, with beams so bright**

**Hymnal 124**

*Please stand as you are able and turn to face the cross as it passes.*

## **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**

*Puer Nobis*

*arr. Wilbur Held*

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**Serving This Week**  
Team 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

**Serving at 8am**

<b>Acolyte</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Chalice</b>	Jo Ellen, Lori Burke
<b>Psalm</b>	Jo Ellen
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Tom & Judy Drew
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Lori Burke
<b>Ushers</b>	Peter Bowers, Ian McEwan
<b>Cantor</b>	Diego Magaña
<b>Hospitality Sponsors</b>	Tim & Kathy Helms

**Preparing for this Service:**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby, Laura Andrews

**Lock Up this Week:**

<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Nate Alday
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**Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's**

<b>Today</b> <b>1/12</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Mon.</b> <b>1/13</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>1/14</b>	10a-1p	Sack Lunch Program
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
<b>Wed.</b> <b>1/15</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>1/16</b>	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Mimi's Cafe)
	1:00pm	Outreach Meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>1/17</b>	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Main Street Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat.</b> <b>1/18</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Sun.</b> <b>1/19</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 12, 2020***

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:***

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Doug, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:***

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Doug, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + For immigrants, refugees and, especially for everyone fleeing violence - may you guide them, Lord, to safety
- + 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, and Trinity churches in 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 Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Association, remembering especially: Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ

### ***IN MEMORIUM***

Those we love but see no longer.

*Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.*



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## Announcements January 12, 2020

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-Kathy & Tim Helms**

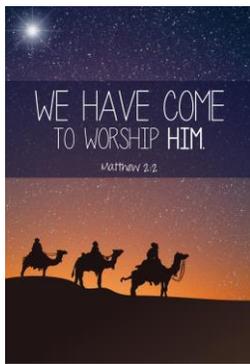
**10:15 am-Gene Pitman, Anne & Nate Alday, Karen & Greg Jackson**

*(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Vicki Paul*

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

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

**The Vestry Greeter today is Woody Bretz - come by and say hello**



*Wise men still seek him – wise women and children, too...*

**EPIPHANY PAGEANT - Sunday, Jan. 12 at 10:15am**

All are welcome! Come enjoy the service and, in place of the sermon, we'll have the annual Epiphany Pageant featuring our Sunday School children and a host of volunteers. This year's pageant is under the direction of Grace Dunlevy and Sara Lamola. Our thanks to everyone who made this wonderful presentation possible!

**ABOUT EPIPHANY** - Epiphany is not only a day, but also a season in the church year. It begins on January 6th and runs through Shrove Tuesday. It is considered an Ordinary Season, one that is numbered. During Epiphany we count the weeks until Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Epiphany is a great time for growth and service.



*Doing our part as an Abolitionist Congregation...*

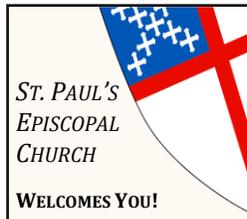
**FAIR TRADE SALES TODAY:** Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate will be for sale after the services. Join us in doing all we can to help abolish the scourge of modern-day slavery. Thank you!



*Will you strive for justice and respect the dignity of every human being?*

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD - Sunday, January. 19**

Join us in renewing our baptismal vows as we remember the Baptism of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



*Grab a cup of coffee and come join our clergy. All are welcome!*

**NEWCOMER INFORMATION SERIES – Sunday, 1/19 at 11:45am**

Join us in the Community Room (the meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Our topic this month is: *Worshiping Together: The Bulletin and Book of Common Prayer*. Come meet people, ask qu *Grab a cup of coffee and come join our clergy. All are welcome!*



**COMPLINE: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day - Sunday, January 19 at 7 pm**

We invite you to 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>Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?  <b>A warm welcome to you!</b> We're so glad you came. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.</p>
	<p><b>ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE:</b> Why? Because all are welcome here. In each ASL Minute we learn a few signs together. If you would like to see past ASL Minute videos, go to St. Paul's Ventura on YouTube or Facebook and click the "Learning Sign Language" playlist. If you like it, share it. Help spread the word that St. Paul's has a wonderful new Deaf ministry. Thanks!</p>
	<p><i>The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...</i>  <b>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, February 3, 5:30-7pm at Panera</b>  <i>All are welcome! This month's selection is There There by Tommy Orange. You're invited to read along and join us. We'd love to see you there!</i></p>
	<p><i>Looking for ways to help make a difference?</i>  <b>MISSION OUTREACH – Donations Requested</b>  A Note from Dr. Steve Jones: West African Medical Missions is going to Jamaica in March and are asking for donations. They need all donations to be submitted by January 15th so we can buy medication and book airline tickets. Anyone interested in going on the trip, please contact me through the church office. Thanks!</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>  <b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>  Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at <a href="http://www.saintpaulsventura.org">www.saintpaulsventura.org</a> or use this QR code. Members give of their time and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities and ministries. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to share. <b>Thank you so much! It is great to have you with us on this faith journey.</b></p>



**DID YOU KNOW...**

The Feast of the Epiphany, which is a fixed date (always January 6, 12 days after Christmas) is the traditional day for proclaiming the date of Easter for the coming year? This dates from the time when calendars were not readily available and it was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter. So, with that in mind, make note of the following dates for 2020:

**Ash Wednesday, March 6    Palm Sunday, April 14    Easter Sunday, April 21**

## Annual Meeting



Please Join Us  
**Sunday, January 26**

**Why have an Annual Meeting?**  
To conduct the business of the church.

**Who needs to attend?**  
All members of the church are encouraged to attend. We need enough members in attendance so that we will have a quorum.

**What happens at the Annual Meeting?**  
We vote for new Vestry members and elect our delegates to Diocesan Convention. We receive reports from the groups and committees of the church and review our finances and the budget for the coming year.

*Please mark it on your calendar and arrange to be with us.*  
**Thank you!**