



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



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## First Sunday in Lent

**Rite II, Year A**

**March 1, 2020 10:15 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, nursery, and classrooms.*

**Nursery and Sunday School** - *We offer nursery care for children under five years from 10-noon. Sunday School begins at 10am on the labyrinth with fellowship and games. At 10:15am, the children will join the procession into church and exit to their classrooms for creative programming and activities. Ages 2-3 will be in the Nursery. Pre-K, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be in Room 7. Grades 2-5 will also be in Room 7. Youth are in Room 8. Young ones remain in the Nursery, children and youth return to the sanctuary in time for Eucharist.*

**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 *A Penitential Order for Lent*

### Prelude

*Den Herren will ich loben/I Shall Praise the Lord*

*Johann Pachelbel*

### Silent Procession

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

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
**People** **His mercy endures for ever.**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."  
*Mark 12:29-31*



## Confession and Absolution

*Please remain standing or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## *Liturgy of the Word*

### Trisagion

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Hymnal S102

*The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.*

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'"

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord

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

## **Psalm 32**

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn**

**My God, accept my heart this day**

**Hymnal 697**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 4:1-11

*Please remain standing and face the Gospel.*

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People**        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

The Reverend Liz Williams

## Nicene Creed

## Credo from St. Paul's Mass

*Felix Eisenhauer*

*All stand as able and together sing.*

*Celebrant*

Our service continues with the Nicene Creed. You're invited to stand and join us in singing.



We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.



We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,



God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.



Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came



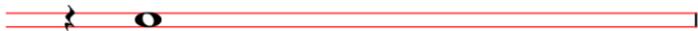
down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.



For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.



He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.



A - men.

## Prayers of the People, Form III

*Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

BCP p. 387

*Server*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Leader*

Father, we pray for your holy Church:

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *You're invited to add your petitions silently or aloud.*

*Celebrant*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*BCP p. 360*

*All are invited to stand as they are able.*

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

### **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

### **Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.**

*For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.*

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

### **Offertory Sentence**

I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

*Romans 12:1*

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Kyrie Eleison*

*Anthony Lotti*

*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.*

### **Presentation Hymn**

**Forty days and forty nights**

**Hymnal 150**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing.*  
*p.361*

Eucharistic Prayer A  
*BCP*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

S124

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

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*A period of silence is kept.*

Be known to us Lord, Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

### Fraction

### Agnus Dei from St. Paul's Mass

*Felix Eisenhauer*



### Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in our open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. 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.*

*Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the postcommunion prayer.*

*Suggestion: Before or after communion, open your Book of Common Prayer to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.*

## Communion Music

*Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

*Daniel Burton*

### On Eagle's Wings

*Michael Joncas, arr. By Douglas E. Wagner*

*The congregation is invited to sing along with the refrain:*

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the  
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the  
sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

to Verses (last time to Coda) ⊕

⊕ Coda

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four lines of music. The first line is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the'. The second line continues with 'breath of dawn, make you to shine like the'. The third line continues with 'sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.' and includes a circled cross symbol (⊕) at the end, labeled 'to Verses (last time to Coda)'. The fourth line is labeled '⊕ Coda' and contains the lyrics 'And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.' The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

*Christus der uns selig macht/Christ, Who is Our Savior*

*Ernst Flügel*

## Postcommunion Prayer

*BCP p. 365*

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

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

## Solemn Prayer over the People

*Remain standing or kneeling.*

*Clergy* Bow down before the Lord.

*Celebrant* Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And now, may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

## Concluding Hymn      **God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

*Words: Jeremiah Rankin  
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams*



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain;  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain;  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain;

by his coun - sels guide, up - hold you,  
'neath his wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with his sheep se - cure - ly fold you:  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:  
put his arms un - fail - ing round you:

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

## Silent Recession

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

## Dismissal

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

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***Serving This Week***  
**For the 10:15am Service**

<b>Acolytes</b>	Judy Wareham, Gina Trevisan, Raghav Rajan
<b>Chalice</b>	Drew Darby (Server), Maggie Kennedy (LEM)
<b>Psalm</b>	Maggie Kennedy
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Seryozha La Porte, Bridget Nahabedian
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Carolyn Dolen
<b>Ushers</b>	Shirley & Larry Myers, Steve Jones
<b>Eucharistic Prayer Minister</b>	Ruth McCool
<b>Pastoral Care Team</b>	Ruth McCool, Connie Baer
<b>Counters</b>	Barbara Jakovich and Marcia Semple
<b>Welcome Ministers</b>	Gene Pitman
<b>Cantor</b>	Diego Magaña
<b>Hospitality</b>	Shirley & Larry Myers, Laura & Ted Andrews, Cathy & Miles Sexton
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	Woody Bretz
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ruth McCool, Pauli Powers, Kathy Helms, Roger Crow
<b>Flower Guild</b>	No Flowers in Lent
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Woody Bretz

*Thank you for all you do! We really appreciate it.*

<b>Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's</b>
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<b>Today</b> <b>3/1</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
	2:00pm	Cub Scout Troop 3155 Blue & Gold Dinner
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Mon.</b> <b>3/2</b>	9:30 am	Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Ave.)
	6:30 pm	Lenten Writing Workshop (Room 14)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>3/3</b>	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
<b>Wed.</b> <b>3/4</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Lenten Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>3/5</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>3/6</b>	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Main Street Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Sanctuary)
<b>Sat.</b> <b>3/7</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Sun.</b> <b>3/8</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)
	11:45 am	DOK New Member Class (Library)
	7:00 pm	Compline (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 1, 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:***

Christopher, Paulette, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Briana, Charly, Paul, Kathie, Tom, William

### ***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:***

- + Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's
- + Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us
- + For all who serve in the military. May God guard them, guide them, and see them safely 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 Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Association, remembering especially: Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church

### ***IN MEMORIUM***

Babs Brennan and 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 March 1, 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- Esther McClain**

**10:15 am-Shirley & Larry Myers, Laura & Ted Andrews, Cathy & Miles Sexton**

*(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Liz & Ian McEwan*

*10:15-Gene Pitman, Hannah & Nate Alday, Karen & Greg Jackson)*

*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.**

*We look forward to seeing you at church next Sunday*

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – 3/1 Services at 8am and 10:15am**

We begin our Lenten journey with the gospel story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness and with the prayer that God will help us to resist temptation and that God will, "...come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save..." Join us as we remember, as we celebrate and as we believe.



**SPRING FORWARD – March 8 at 2am**

Daylight Savings time begins. Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour!

*We look forward to seeing you at church next Sunday*

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – 3/8 Services at 8am and 10:15am**

Our journey through the Season of Lent continues with the gospel story of the Pharisee named Nicodemus who came to Jesus by night with his questions. Come hear Jesus explain that, "...God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Come get inspired. We look forward to seeing you!



*Doing our part to make a difference!*

**FAIR TRADE SALES - Sunday, March 8 after each service**

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. We are an Abolitionist Congregation, and we appreciate your support.



...and we have a very special evening planned



**COMPLINE: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day - Sunday, March 8 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. All are welcome!



Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?

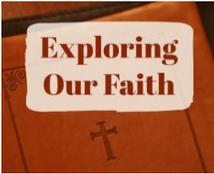
**A warm welcome to you!** We're so glad you came. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.

	<p>Join us in reaching out to the world in the name of Christ...  <b>THROUGH MARCH WE WILL REACH FOR LOVE – Laundry Love.</b> This important organization works to build relationships by bringing quarters, laundry soap, snacks and conversation into local laundromats for guests who can't afford the expense of doing their own laundry. Help yourself to a red REACH bag and do what you can to help those in need.</p>
	<p><b>DIOCESAN MINISTRY FAIR – Saturday, March 7 at 8:30am – Free!</b>  Come to the annual diocesan Ministry Fair set for Campbell Hall Episcopal school, 4533 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Studio City. All are welcome, both parish teams and individuals. Theme for the day is “Equipping the Saints to Serve” with workshops on worship, disaster preparedness, social media, sustainability and much more! Registration at 8am; opening prayer at 8:30am. Participants are asked to bring their own lunches. For a full listing of workshops and information, and to register, visit <a href="http://www.diocesela.org/ministryfair2020">www.diocesela.org/ministryfair2020</a>.</p>
	<p><i>The Daughters of the King</i> invite you to join us...  <b>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – March Meeting Cancelled – Join us April 6, 5:30-7pm at Panera</b>  We’re reading <i>The Overstory</i> by Richard Powers. Awarded Pulitzer Prize for fiction. A sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of and pawn to the natural world. <i>All are welcome. We’d love to see you there!</i></p>
	<p><b>UPCOMING BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY - 4/11 The Great Vigil (first service of Easter) at 8pm</b>  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. This is a very important and moving occasion. The prayers and presence of the community are requested.</p>
	<p><i>Great food, wonderful entertainment, loads of fun!</i>  <b>ST. PATRICK’S CELEBRATION – Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7pm</b>  St. Paul’s Men’s Group invites you to join us for live music and a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. Tickets will go on sale on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> after each service and will continue through Sunday, March 15. At the door on they will be \$5 more. Advance prices are: Adults \$25, Kids (6-12) \$10, Kids 5 &amp; Under Free, Family (2 Adults, up to 3 Kids) \$50. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome!</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>Grab a cup of coffee and come join our clergy. All are welcome!</i>  <b>NEWCOMER INFORMATION SERIES – Sunday, 3/22 at 9:30am</b>  Join us in Kahler Hall. Our topic this month is: <i>Coffee with Our Clergy</i> so you pick the topic. Bring your questions, let’s talk. All are welcome! Next month’s meeting will be on Sunday, 4/26 at 11:45am when our topic will be <i>Getting to know Each Other and the Episcopal Church</i>. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
	<p><i>Would you like to make a donation in thanksgiving for your blessings or in memory of a loved one?</i>  <b>EASTER FLOWERS &amp; MUSIC:</b> We are now collecting for Flowers and Music that will help to make our Easter services truly glorious. Place your donation in one of the envelopes provided for flowers and music or place it in the offering plate. Be sure to note in the memo line “Flowers &amp; Music” and note how you’d like your thanksgiving or memorial listed in the bulletin. Deadline to be listed in bulletin is 4/5. Thank you!</p>
 This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page	<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>
	<p>Mondays, 3/16-4/27 Exploring Our Faith – Confirmation Class 6:30-8pm  Saturday, April 4 – Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church at 9am  Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday  Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm  Friday, April 10 Good Friday -- Labyrinth Walk at Dawn (6-8am); Good Friday Service at Noon  Saturday, April 11 – The Great Vigil (First Service of Easter) at 8pm  Sunday April 12— Easter Sunday  Sunday, May 3 – Bishop Talton will Visit Us! 10:15am service</p>

# LENT

*A time of reflection, prayer and penance*

## Keeping a Holy Lent

	<p><i>Looking for a deeply spiritual experience this Lent?</i>  <b>WALK THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Fridays in Lent at 7-7:30pm</b>  <i>(3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, and on 4/10)</i>          Come learn this ancient spiritual practice and follow Jesus on the way to the cross. It is a very inspiring and emotional experience. This is a wonderful way to expand your understanding and enrich your experience of Lent. Come any Friday you're available. We'll use a variety of prayers, giving you a different experience each week. Bring a friend, all are welcome!</p>
	<p><b>LENTEN WRITING WORKSHOP – YOUR SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY</b>  <b>TWO MONDAYS ONLY, MARCH 2 &amp; 9 - 6:30-8PM</b>          In this two-session workshop facilitated by Dr. Rose Hayden-Smith, we'll create a 750-1000 word "spiritual autobiography." A Spiritual autobiography is the story of your own life, and the ways God has been present in it. A series of prompts for you to consider will be provided. There is no charge, but please RSVP via our Facebook event link or by emailing <a href="mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org">office@saintpaulsventura.org</a> or calling us at 805 643-5033. Beverages and light snacks will be provided. All are welcome! Please bring a laptop, or paper and pen, and plan to attend both sessions.</p>
	<p><b>EXPLORING OUR FAITH – Confirmation Class</b>  <b>MONDAYS: MARCH 16, 23, 30; APRIL 6, (no class 4/13), 20, 27 – 6:30-8PM</b>          Do you have questions? Are you interested learning about the Episcopal Church, the Bible, and the life of faith? Yes, it's a class for confirmation, but it's also great for anyone who just wants to explore our faith together. So come, join us. All are invited to this fun and interesting class. We'd love to see you there! If you'd like more information, please contact Rev. Susan <a href="mailto:revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org">revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org</a></p>
	<p><i>Lenten Study offered during Wednesday Morning Bible Study.</i>  <b>LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2020 – Wednesdays at 10:30am in the Library or As Self Study</b>          Join us as we study the importance of practicing courage with all your heart, soul, strength and mind. This can also be done as a self-study. For more information, contact <a href="mailto:revliz@saintpaulsventura.org">revliz@saintpaulsventura.org</a> or text 909 835-0302. Please let us know that you're interested so we can prepare the materials for you. Bring a friend, all are welcome!</p>
	<p><i>Which saint will win the Golden Halo?</i>  <b>LENT MADNESS 2020</b> – There are also online opportunities to participate in a Lenten devotion. Lent Madness brings together exciting competition, the lives of the saints, humor, and the chance to see how God works in the lives of women and men across all walks of life. Read the biographies of the saints and cast your vote in the saintly competition. In the end, we will learn who wins this year's Golden Halo. For more information, go to <a href="http://www.lentmadness.org">www.lentmadness.org</a></p>
	<p><b>Resources for Planning Your Own Memorial Service and Writing Your Own Obituary</b> are now available in Kahler Hall, on our website <a href="http://www.saintpaulsventura.org">www.saintpaulsventura.org</a> and in our weekly Enews. When the end of our time on this earth arrives, we want to leave our families with a clear understanding of our final wishes and the comfort of knowing which choices we want them to make on our behalf.</p>
	<p><i>You're invited to join us in church each Sunday during Lent.</i>  <b>SUNDAY SERVICES AT 8AM &amp; 10:15AM – All are welcome!</b>          Heard enough bad news? Come hear the Good News! Enjoy beautiful music, meaningful prayer and dynamic preaching that connects ancient scripture with our lives today. Join us as we live out our faith in meaningful ways alongside others who are excited about loving and serving the Lord. Come get inspired! At 10:15am we offer Nursery Care, Sunday School, Youth Group, and we have a wonderful ASL interpreter.</p>