



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## **First Sunday in Lent**

**Rite I, Year A**

**March 1, 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 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.*

### **Opening Acclamation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 319*

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

### **The Decalogue**

*BCP p. 317*

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

### **Sentences of Scripture**

*BCP p. 319*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

### **Confession**

*BCP p. 330*

*Stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

**Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

*BCP p. 321*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **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 with thy spirit.**

*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.

## Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

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.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

*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.**

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 be to thee, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Reverend Liz Williams

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## Nicene Creed

*BCP p. 326*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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 the 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 **Christopher, Paulette, Adele, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Briana, Charly, Paul, Kathie, Tom, William** *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 10 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving. The congregation is invited to add their own petitions.)*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear *especially Babs Brennan 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.**

### **The Peace**

*BCP p. 330*

*Please stand as you 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***

### **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**      *Christus der uns selig macht/Christ, Who is Our Savior*      Ernst Flügel  
*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 (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.*

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

**Prayer of Humble Access**      *BCP p. 337*

### **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 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**      *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*      Daniel Burton

**Post Communion Prayer**      *BCP p. 339*  
*Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.*

**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

Words: Jeremiah Rankin

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

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

BCP p. 339

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

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## ***Serving This Week***

### **At the 8am Service:**

|                              |  |
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| <b>Acolytes</b>              | Jo Ellen Heil                                      |
| <b>Chalice</b>               | Jo Ellen Heil, Peter Bowers                        |
| <b>Psalm</b>                 | Jo Ellen Heil                                      |
| <b>Lay Readers</b>           | Tim Helms  |
| <b>Prayers of the People</b> | Peter Bowers                                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Jay & Patti Widdows                                |
| <b>Cantor</b>                | Diego Magaña                                       |
| <b>Hospitality Sponsors</b>  | Esther McClain                                     |
| <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.*

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| <b>Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's</b> |
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| <b>Today</b><br><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><br><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><br><b>3/3</b>  | 6:30 pm  | Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)                   |
| <b>Wed.</b><br><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><br><b>3/5</b> | 7:00 pm  | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)                         |
| <b>Fri.</b><br><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><br><b>3/7</b>   | 6:45 pm  | AA Meeting (Community Room)                          |
| <b>Sun.</b><br><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.

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|    | <p>Join us in reaching out to the world in the name of Christ...<br/> <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><br/> 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...<br/> <b>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – March Meeting Cancelled – Join us April 6, 5:30-7pm at Panera</b><br/> 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><br/> 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><br/> <b>ST. PATRICK’S CELEBRATION – Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7pm</b><br/> 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><br/> <b>NEWCOMER INFORMATION SERIES – Sunday, 3/22 at 9:30am</b><br/> 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><br/> <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>  |
|  <p>This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page</p> | <p><i>“God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7</i><br/> <b>Thank you for your generosity!</b><br/> 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<br/> Saturday, April 4 – Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church at 9am<br/> Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday<br/> Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm<br/> Friday, April 10 Good Friday -- Labyrinth Walk at Dawn (6-8am); Good Friday Service at Noon<br/> Saturday, April 11 – The Great Vigil (First Service of Easter) at 8pm<br/> Sunday April 12— Easter Sunday<br/> Sunday, May 3 – Bishop Talton will Visit Us! 10:15am service</p>   |

# LENT

*A time of reflection, prayer and penance*

## Keeping a Holy Lent

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|    | <p><i>Looking for a deeply spiritual experience this Lent?</i><br/> <b>WALK THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Fridays in Lent at 7-7:30pm</b><br/> <i>(3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, no meeting on 4/10)</i><br/>         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><br/> <b>TWO MONDAYS ONLY, MARCH 2 &amp; 9 - 6:30-8PM</b><br/>         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><br/> <b>MONDAYS: MARCH 16, 23, 30; APRIL 6, (no class 4/13), 20, 27 – 6:30-8PM</b><br/>         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><br/> <b>LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2020 – Wednesdays at 10:30am in the Library or As Self Study</b><br/>         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><br/> <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><br/> <b>SUNDAY SERVICES AT 8AM &amp; 10:15AM – All are welcome!</b><br/>         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>  |