



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent

Rite II, Year A

March 8, 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. Youth Group, for grades 6-12, meets in Room 8. Children up to 5th grade begin in the Sanctuary with a short sermon on the gospel for the day. Children move to their classrooms for creative programming and activities. Ages 2-3 will be in the Nursery. Pre-K, K, and 1st grade will be in Room 7. Grades 2-5 will also be in Room 7. 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

C.H.H. Parry

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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

Sung by St. Paul's Choir

arranged by Sydney H. Nicholson

1. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help
2. My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.
3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
4. Behold he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.
6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night
7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Gradual Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

My God, accept my heart this day**Hymnal 697****Holy Gospel**

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

John 3:1-17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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**
All stand as able and together sing.

Felix Eisenhauer

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.



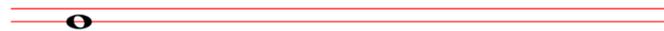
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,



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

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Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

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

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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

God so Loved the World

John Stainer

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

Lift high the cross

Hymnal 473

Please stand as you are able.



Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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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



Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no - bis.
(O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.)



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Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, do - na no - bis pa - cem.
(O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.)

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 worshippers 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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

John Barr

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

James Southbridge

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Hymnal 508

Postcommunion Prayer

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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.**



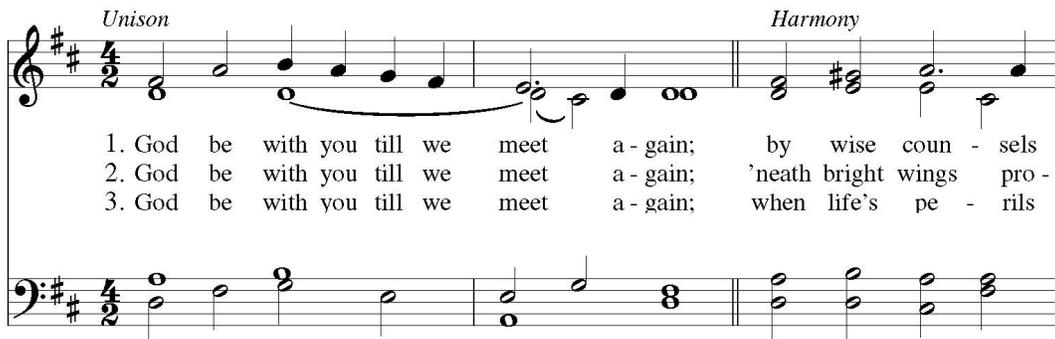
Concluding Hymn God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Words: Jeremiah Rankin

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Unison *Harmony*

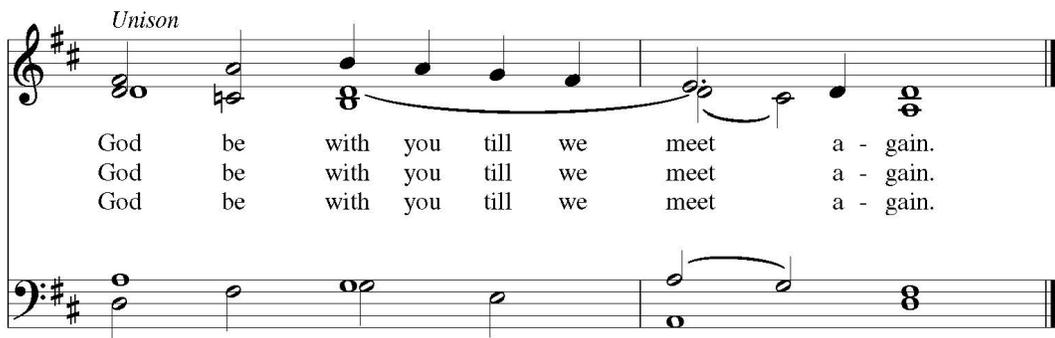


1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels
2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils



guide, up - hold you, with the sheep se - cure - ly fold you:
tect - ing hide you, dail - y man - na still pro - vide you:
thick con - found you, put strong arms un - fail - ing round you:

Unison



God be with you till we meet a - gain.
God be with you till we meet a - gain.
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.**

Acknowledgements and Copyright Information

**Prayers of the People include A Prayer for Tolerance Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by barbara bennett and David Catron*

Serving This Week

For the 10:15am Service

Acolytes	Dean Nahabedian, Nairi Nahabedian
Chalice	Roger Crow (Server), Kay Armstrong (LEM)
Psalm	Roger Crow
Lay Readers	Janet Koehn, Drew Darby
Prayers of the People	Ernie Fickerson
Ushers	Jeff Brown, Tamara Nerdrum
Eucharistic Prayer Minister	Kathleen Crookston
Pastoral Care Team	-
Counters	Louise Bretz
Welcome Ministers	Pat Malchak
Cantor	Reid Edwards
Hospitality	Gene Pitman, Anne & Nate Alday, Karen & Greg Jackson
Vestry Greeter	Dan Campbell
Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
Flower Guild	No Flowers in Lent
Facility Lock Up	Greg McCombs

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

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 3/8	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation with Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Compline (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 3/9	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 3/10	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
Wed. 3/11	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 3/12	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 3/13	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Main Street Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 3/14	7:00 am	Music Teachers' Association of California (full-day, all campus)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 3/15	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)
	4:30 pm	St. Patrick's Day Dinner with Live Music (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 8, 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:

Laura, Joanne, Christopher, Paulette, Adele, 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:

- + All small group ministries and Bible Study groups at St. Paul's
- + 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 By-the-Sea, 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 MEMORIAM

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 8, 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- Liz & Ian McEwan

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

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00- Ellen Morgan

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 Dan Campbell - come by and say hello.



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!



We look forward to seeing you at church next Sunday

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

We continue our journey through the Season of Lent continues with the story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well. After asking her for a drink, he offers her something greater. Come learn about the Living Water that is offered for us. Come get inspired! We look forward to seeing you!



Great food, wonderful entertainment, loads of fun!

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION – Sunday, March 15th 4:30-7pm

St. Paul's Men's Group invites you to join us for live music and a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. Tickets are on sale now after services and in our office! At the door, they will be \$5 more. Advance prices are: Adults \$25, Kids (6-12) \$10, Kids 5 & Under Free, Family (2 Adults, up to 3 Kids) \$50. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome!

	<p>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>
	<p><i>The Daughters of the King</i> invite you to join us... FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Join us April 6, 5:30-7pm at Panera 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><i>Would you like to make a donation in thanksgiving for your blessings or in memory of a loved one?</i> EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC: 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 & Music" and note how you'd like your thanksgiving or memorial listed in the bulletin. Deadline to be listed in the bulletin is April 5. Thank you!</p>
	<p><i>Help us feed the hungry.</i> MORE HELP NEEDED DISTRIBUTING ST. PAUL'S LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS Tuesdays from 10am – 1pm, we hand out sack lunches to those who are hungry. Thank you for all of your donations and support for this ministry. We are in need of a few more people to help pass out lunches. Can you volunteer once a month to help us out? Thank you for helping us feeding our hungry neighbors!</p>
	<p>ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE: 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>Formerly the Ladies Lunch Bunch, now open to all</i> ST. PAUL'S LUNCH BUNCH – Coming up on Thursday, 3/19 at 11am at Mimi's Cafe All members of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Lunch Bunch at Mimi's. We gather at 11am and order by 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Ruth, Pam or office@saintpaulsventura.org so we'll know to expect you. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
	<p><i>Grab a cup of coffee and come join our clergy. All are welcome!</i> NEWCOMER INFORMATION SERIES – Sunday, 3/22 at 9:30am 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>Join us in reaching out to the world in the name of Christ...</i> THROUGH MARCH WE WILL REACH FOR LOVE – Laundry Love. 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>This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page</p>	<p><i>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</i> Thank you for your generosity! Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or text <i>StPaulsVentura</i> to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at www.saintpaulsventura.org or use this QR code. Members give of their time 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. Thank you so much! It is great to have you with us on this faith journey.</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>

