



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



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## Third Sunday in Lent

Rite I, Year A

March 15, 2020 8:00 a.m.

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### 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 and nursery.*

***Fellowship Hour** - You're invited to join us for fellowship out on our patio following the service. At this time, we will not be serving coffee or refreshments until we are able to determine the best course of action for the safety and wellbeing of all our parishioners. 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.*

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## Holy Eucharist

### *A Penitential Order for Lent*

#### **Prelude**

*Aria*

*J.S. Bach*

#### **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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

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

### First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Holy One; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout with psalms.

- 3 For you, O God, are a great God; \*  
you are great above all gods.
- 4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
- 5 The sea is yours, for you made it, \*  
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the God, our Maker,
- 7 For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \*  
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me;
- 9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

## Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

## Holy Gospel

John 4:5-42

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

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Susan Bek

*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 **Joanne, 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 8 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 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**

*At Thy Table*

*Gerald Peterson*

*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**

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah**

**Hymnal 690**

*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**

*The Soul That Thirsts for God  
Lead Me Unto Thee*

*Paul Taylor  
James Southbridge*

**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

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.

*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:**

<b>Acolytes</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Chalice</b>	Jo Ellen Heil, Peter Bowers
<b>Psalm</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Lori Burke, Ellen Morgan
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Peter Bowers
<b>Ushers</b>	Roger Myers, Sally Weimer, Lori Burke
<b>Cantor</b>	Diego Magaña
<b>Hospitality Sponsors</b>	Ellen Morgan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Peter Anderson, Duffy Anderson
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Larry Myers

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



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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 15, 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:***

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:***

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + For the aging and especially for those who live alone
- + 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: First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army

### ***IN MEMORIUM***

Those we love but see no longer.

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



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