



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have 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. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

Prelude

Trust in God's Unchanging Love

Gerald Peterson, Ben Logan

To Greet the Morning

David Paxton

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

Processional Hymn

Awake, my soul

Hymnal 11

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

Malachi 4:1-2a

A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.

For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

All stand as able and say together.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

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Celebrant

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

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.¹

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our 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 **Onofre, Christopher, Paulette, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Briana, Charly, Paul, Carol, Diane, Kathie, Tom, William, Kim, and those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Carol, 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, especially those affected by acts of violence or recovering from fires and floods.

(See page 8 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear *especially Devlin Nicholson, John Powell, Anne Rittenour, Ray Cubberly 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.**

Peace

All stand as they are able.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

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.

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15,16

Offertory

To God Give Thanksgiving

George Lachenauer

Presentation Hymn

New songs of celebration render

Hymnal 413

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

BCP p. 333

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 336

Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 337

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP p. 337

Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

All are welcome to come forward. The table we set is the Lord's. 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 to receive a blessing.

Suggestion for before or after Communion: Open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music*My Heart Ever Faithful**J. S. Bach***Post Communion Prayer**

BCP p. 339

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.***Blessing**

May the Lord direct our hearts, this day and for ever, in the love of God and in the patient waiting for Christ. The Lord bless you and preserve you from all evil and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn**Thou, whose almighty word****Hymnal 371***Please stand as you are able.***Dismissal**

BCP p. 339

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude*Toccate Brillante**Todd Kendall***Acknowledgements and Copyright Information**¹ *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron.Blessing adapted from the old Sarum Rite from Salisbury Cathedral, which was developed starting in the 11th century.**Serving This Week**Team 3 – 3rd Sunday of the Month**Acolytes**

Jo Ellen Heil

Chalice

Peter Bowers, Jo Ellen

Psalm

Peter Bowers

Lay Readers

Lori Burke

Prayers of the People

Jo Ellen Heil

Ushers

Roger Myers, Sally Weimer, Lori Burke

Altar Guild

Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Peter Anderson, Duffy Anderson

Flower Guild

Sarah & Gabriel Lamola, Susan & Teddy Bek, Carmela Carreno

Facility Lock Up

Miles Sexton

Cantor

Diego Magaña

Hospitality Sponsors

Jo Ellen Heil



Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 11/10	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service with New Member Blessing
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service with New Member Blessing
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation(Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Compline
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 11/11	5:00 pm	Daisy Scout Troop 65014 (Community Room)
	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 11/12	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Team (Library)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179
Weds. 11/13	8:30 am	Building & Grounds Meeting (Community Room)
	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 11/14	10:00 am	Sack Lunch Distribution (Office)
	6:00 pm	Twelve Step Workshop
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 11/15	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 11/16	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 11/17	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:30 am	Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	10:00 am	Sunday School Children's Sermon (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Flower Guild Meeting (Sanctuary)
	12:00 pm	DOK Thanksgiving Potluck Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)



Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 17, 2019

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:

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

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Carol, 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
- + 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 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 Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaaso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

IN MEMORIAM

Anne Rittenour, Ray Cubberly

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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Announcements November 17, 2019

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-Jo Ellen Heil

10:15 am-Norm & Pam Owens, Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Renee Bower

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Dela Parker & Bill Brewer

10:15-Ralph & Kay Armstrong, RoseAnn & David Hill,

Bert & Ernie Fickerson

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

**The Vestry Greeter today is Drew Darby
come by and say hello**



Every purchase matters!

FAIR TRADE SALES – Sunday, Nov. 17 after both services

Come buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. Thank you for helping abolish the scourge of modern-day slavery!



A Special Invitation for You...

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING – THANKSGIVING POTLUCK 11/17 Noon-1pm

Daughters of the King Bishop Gooden Memorial Chapter Members and guests are invited. Bring a soup/salad/bread/dessert and 20 copies of a favorite Thanksgiving prayer. Please RSVP by contacting the church office. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you there!



FLOWER GUILD MEETING – Nov. 17 at 11:45am in the Sanctuary

All members of the Flower Guild, and anyone interested in joining, are invited to gather for a brief meeting to make plans for Advent and Christmas. Please join us following the 10:15am service for this important meeting. And, thank you so much for the beautiful and inspiring flowers you arrange for us every Sunday!



Want to help feed the hungry?

IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE LUNCH – Monday, November 18th

Come help us serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.



Formerly the Ladies Lunch Bunch, now open to all

LUNCH BUNCH – Thursday, November 21st 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 the Office so we'll know to expect you. We look forward to seeing you there!



Here's another way you might help make a difference...

SACK LUNCHES AT ST. PAUL'S - Do you have a heart for the homeless? On Tuesdays and Thursdays we offer sack lunches to those in need in our community. We do it right here at church. We need a few more people to join our team and hand out lunches. Choose Tuesday or Thursday (or both) 10am-1pm. If you would like to volunteer, even once or twice a month, email the office at office@saintpaulsventura.org



Looking for a way to REACH out and help make a difference in the name of Christ?

THIS MONTH, WE'RE SUPPORTING THE UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings, and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. 100% of what is collected is used to support God's mission in the world.



Want to help needy families feel the love of Christ this Christmas?

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOPPE TOY COLLECTION – through December 8

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys to help make Christmas a little brighter for some families who are finding things challenging. Take an ornament off the Christmas Tree in the Narthex. Shop for the child you chose, and bring your unwrapped gift(s). You can make a difference! Thanks for helping us share the love of Christ this season. The Christmas Shoppe will be held on December 14th.



Looking for a wonderful Advent Study?

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY OFFERS ADVENT STUDY - 11/20 – 12/18, 10:30am

Christians have claimed from the beginning that Jesus was the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. In this study, best-selling author Walter Brueggemann tackles the questions: What were these expectations? And Did Jesus fulfill them? You're invited to join us as we work through this study and make our way toward a more meaningful Christmas. All are welcome.

Please note: No study on 11/27.



Joining together with our brothers and sisters of many faiths...

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE – Thursday, 11/21 at 7pm

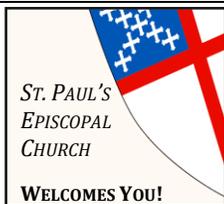
This year we will gather at Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Road, Ventura. Come enjoy this wonderful service in which many faiths share their traditions of giving thanks. We'll share stories, music, liturgy, hopes and gratitude for the common cause that binds us to all peoples, all faiths. A collection will be taken to benefit our local community. And...please join us at 6pm if you'd like to be a part of our "pop-up" choir, preparing a song to present this evening!



The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...

FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, December 2, 5:30-7pm at Panera

All are welcome! This month's selection is The Library Book by Susan Orlean. This was also the One County, One Book selection for Ventura County this year. Brimming with her signature wit, insight, compassion, and talent for deep research, The Library Book is Susan Orlean's thrilling journey through the stacks that reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books—and why they remain an essential of the heart, mind, and soul of our country.



Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!

NEWCOMER COFFEE WITH OUR CLERGY – Sunday, 11/24 at 11:45am

Join us in the Community Room (the meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Our topic this month is: *Working Together to Make a Difference in the World*. Come meet people, ask questions and explore the faith. *All are welcome!* Our next Coffee with our Clergy will be on Sunday, 12/22 at 11:45am. We look forward to seeing you there!



"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

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Thank you so much! It is great to be with you on this journey of faith.

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