



## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



*Online Bulletin*

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 1, 2022 at 10:15 a.m.**

**Service offered both in-person and online**

*Welcome! Sunday Services are offered each week at 10:15am. You have the option of attending in-person or online at: [www.StPaulsVentura.org/live](http://www.StPaulsVentura.org/live), [www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura](http://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura), [www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura](http://www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura).*

*There are two seating options at in-person Sunday services: open seating, and distanced seating. A limited number of seats on the street side of the church are available for those who prefer or require some extra distance. Masks are required in the church at this time because many of those who attend services who are in a high-risk group. Thank you for your cooperation You are a living example of what LOVE looks like, and we appreciate your kindness.*

*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. We invite you to sing, pray and read along with us through the service. The words in bold are the ones we'll all say together.*

*Our Sunday School program (for children ages 2 years-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Fountain Patio. Children are invited to join Miss Bailey and Miss Wendy to hear a Bible story and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.*

*The best way to keep up with the latest events, announcements, and protocols is to read our Email Newsletter each week. If you don't receive it and would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office.*

*Again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshipping with us. If there's anything we can do to help, please let us know. Let us know if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. We wish you all a very safe and blessed week.*

***Today's flowers were given through the generosity of your pledge.***

*If you'd like to arrange for flowers given in memory or thanksgiving, please contact the church office. Thank you!*

## ***Liturgy of the Word***

**Prelude**

Sarabande

*G. F. Handel*

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

**Processional**

**Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness**

**Hymn 492**

*Cantor: Reid Edwards*

**Opening Salutation**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People**

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*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**

Acts 9:1-20

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 30

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 30. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd verses; the congregation will read the even verses.

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.



A Reading from the Revelation to John.

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn****We walk by faith, and not by sight****Hymnal 209***All stand as able to sing.***Holy Gospel**

John 21:1-19

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now

none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

The Reverend Susan Bek

## **Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

**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<sup>1</sup> and apostolic<sup>2</sup> 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. Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> universal; all embracing

<sup>2</sup> relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

## Prayers of the People

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

*Server*

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. Give us hope, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

For all who suffer from sickness, violence, and natural disaster. For all who mourn, all refugees, and all who are affected by the pandemic, that the Lord God will wipe away their tears, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

May we be one faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God: for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed.**

*Celebrant*

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*In keeping with ancient tradition, we do not include the Confession during the season of Easter.*

## The Peace

*All stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

## Announcements

*Please be seated.*

# ***Liturgy of the Table***

## ***Holy Communion***

## Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*



Thank you for your donation, and for your pledge.  
 Your generosity is appreciated!  
 We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ  
 with whatever you are able to give.

**Offertory**

Feed My Lambs

*Music by Natalie Sleeth, arr. Tom Fettke***Presentation Hymn****Now thank we all our God****Hymnal 397***Please stand as you are able.***The Great Thanksgiving**

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 3

*The people remain standing as they are able.**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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus****Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass***Felix Eisenhauer*

Sanc-tus, sanc-tus,  
 sanc-tus, Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are  
 full of your glo-ry, Ho-sa-na in the high-est Be-ne-dic-tus  
 qui ve-nit, in the name of the Lord. Ho-sa-na in the high-est, Ho-  
 sa-na in the high-est!

Translation: "Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus" - Holy, holy, holy "Benedictus qui venit" - Blessed are those who come

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

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death.  
Rising you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus come in glory.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Paul and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



## Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

**Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not all together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.**

## The Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lord. 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 his will that those who want him should meet him here.

*For in-person worshipers: 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.*

*Once you have the bread, you may choose any of the following options:*

1. **Return to your seat without receiving the wine.** Be assured that this is a sufficient experience of communion.
2. **Sip the wine, from the common cup,** guiding the chalice gently with your hand. (This meets the current safety standards set by the Diocese of Los Angeles and our bishop because the wine contains alcohol, the chalice is silver or similar metal, and the surface is wiped and turned between communicants.)
3. **Receive by intinction** – the Eucharistic Minister will dip your wafer into the wine for you. We must place it in your hand at this time and cannot place it in your mouth.

*If you'd like to come forward but would prefer not to receive, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing.*

*Suggestion: Before or after Communion, see the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) pp. 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there. Online worshipers can find it at [www.bcponline.org](http://www.bcponline.org)*

## Communion Music

Intermezzo in A-minor, Op. 76, No. 7

Johannes Brahms

### Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,  
Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.  
Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

## Post Communion Prayer:

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

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

Go in the peace of the Lord Jesus. May Christ's light shine in your hearts so that you may bring the joy and the hope of Easter to others; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

**Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets**

**Hymnal 412**

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

## Dismissal

*Celebrant  
People*

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

## Postlude

Earth and All Stars

*arr. Keith Kolander*

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*Check out next Sunday's readings at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)*

***Please join us in thanking those who served today, including:***

<b>Server:</b>	Roger Crow	<b>Lector:</b>	Kathy & Tim Helms
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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 1, 2022***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury	Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Dick Swanson
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop	President Joseph Biden, Congress, Federal Courts
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan	Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

### ***HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:***

Audrey, David, Leta, Baby Z, Jorge, Hal, Barb, Lisa, Rachelle, Teresa, Cathy, Christian and Christina, all refugees, first responders, and everyone affected by COVID-19, gun violence, poverty, and injustice.

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:***

Carol, Rachel, Kim, Amelia, Maria, Linda, Kay, Brian, Dave, Penny, Virginia, Susan, Michelle, Jeanice, Sheila, Lynn, Jan and Dennis.

### ***IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:***

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

### ***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
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home
- + All who work, educate others, and pray to abolish the scourge of present-day slavery.

### ***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 Wiauso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

*Tammy Aburto-Pratt, Stacie Shank and all those we love but see no longer.*

*Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month but can be renewed if needed. Please contact the church office to add or extend a prayer request and to let us know how things are going.*



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## St. Paul's Announcements May 1, 2022

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!**



### Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

Whether you're new, visiting or have been a member for years, we're so glad you joined us today. **A warm welcome to you!**

We currently offer Sunday services online, and in person.

Please let us know if we can do anything to support you on your spiritual journey this week.

We're always happy to hear from you!

We invite you to come back soon.



This is a brief overview of our weekly announcements. To learn about everything going on at St. Paul's and to receive weekly encouragement and ways to build up spiritual strength, please see our E-newsletter. If you don't receive it, please let us know. We'd be happy to add you to the list! [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)



Join us as the celebration continues...

### Third Sunday of Easter, May 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Join us every Sunday through the Great 50 Days of Easter.

Sunday services offered online and in-person at 10:15am. We look forward to seeing you there!

Watch our Facebook page for exciting posts [www.facebook.com/saintpaulsventura](http://www.facebook.com/saintpaulsventura) and our YouTube channel for inspiring videos. [www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsventura?sub\\_confirmation=1](http://www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsventura?sub_confirmation=1) Happy Easter!



### Coffee Hour is back!

Kahler Hall is now open following Sunday services for a simple, community-style Coffee Hour. Coffee, tea, water and paper goods will be provided. Anyone who would like to bring a snack to share is asked to keep it simple and bring pre-packaged or commercially produced foods. Everything needs to show up plated and ready for people to serve themselves. Serving tongs will be provided. We will all pitch in to help with clean up and assist those around us. We encourage each person or family to decide when and if they are comfortable participating.

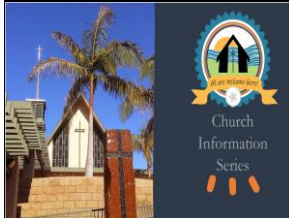
### GROWING IN FAITH



### Free Three-Week Class on Practical Forgiveness

**Offered During Coffee Hour in the Community Room** (behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall)

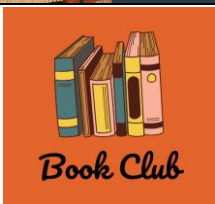
Join us on Sundays 5/15, 5/22 and 5/29. This video series facilitated by Dan Campbell and Rev. Susan will help us learn how to let go of unforgiveness and spite. In this course, author and consultant Rob Voyle uses his decades of experience in dealing with forgiveness and reconciliation to give us practical steps on how we can let go of the pain of unforgiveness and live in wholeness.



### Church Information Series - Sunday, May 22 at 6pm on Zoom

#### Getting to Know each other and the Episcopal Church and Learn about the Seasons of Easter and Pentecost

Whether you're new to the church, ready to explore your faith in new ways, or want to help us offer a warm welcome to everyone, you're invited. Come meet people, ask questions and learn something new. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there! Meeting ID: 843 2505 4293



### First Monday Book Club – May 2nd at 5:30pm on Zoom

Our next book is *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. The author brings to life a historical character whose talents and achievements have been overlooked. *The Only Woman in the Room* is the story of Hedy Lamarr. You may recognize her as a Hollywood film star however before arriving in California, she was married to a powerful Austrian arms dealer and was a scientist. Join us on 5/2 for the discussion. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday



*We're collecting new books for young children ages 0-3...*

**OUTREACH PROJECT – Reach for Early Childhood Literacy**

This month, St. Paul's is going to do an early childhood book drive in support of Reach Out and Read, a national literacy program currently being run through the county medical system. In this model, children receive a book when they see their doctor for a well-baby visit. Take a REACH bag and bring it back with books to donate.



**Volunteers Needed – Altar Guild and Flower Guild**

Were you impressed at how beautiful the sanctuary was for Easter services? Our teams of Altar Guild and Flower Guild members do amazing work! We could really use some addition volunteers to help with Altar Guild and Flower Guild. We serve on teams and are scheduled once a month. Some of our members have learned to do the jobs for both Altar Guild and Flower Guild. No experience is necessary. We are happy to teach you what we know. You'll find it's very rewarding to meet new people and work together to prepare for our beautiful worship services. Please speak with Rev. Susan if you'd like more information. **Thank you!**



*Looking for ways to help the people of Ukraine?*

**A Concert for Hope; A Compline of Peace**

*Music and Prayers for the People of Ukraine*

**6pm on Sunday, May 15 at St. Paul's Ventura**

Join us for a combined Music for Ukraine Benefit Concert followed by a special Compline service focused on prayers for peace in the world. The Concert will feature professional musicians from Ventura County. The Compline Service will be presented by St. Paul's Choir.

What is Compline? It's a shorter evening service (30-40 minutes) that will be sung a cappella by St. Paul's Choir. Our prayerful offering blends ancient and contemporary musical idioms and styles to usher in the night in a calm and reflective way.

Tickets are free and donations are encouraged. 100% of funds collected will support UNICEF's humanitarian response efforts directed toward children and families in Ukraine and neighboring countries offering a safe haven to those displaced. Invite friends and neighbors. All are welcome!



**Episcopal Relief and Development - Help for Ukraine**

As we pray for an end to violence and for those fleeing Ukraine, please also pray for Episcopal Relief & Development and other ecumenical agencies working to respond to the current crisis. Please consider partnering with Episcopal Relief & Development who is providing cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed items. [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org)



**Please add these dates to our calendar and plan to join us.**

- Sun. 5/8 Mother's Day and Fourth Sunday of Easter – service at 10:15am
- Sun. 5/15 Fifth Sunday of Easter – service at 10:15am  
11:45am Class One on Practical Forgiveness *(in the Community Room)*  
Music for Ukraine: Benefit Concert at 6pm, Compline Service at 7pm
- Sun. 5/22 Sixth Sunday of Easter – service at 10:15am  
11:45am Class Two on Practical Forgiveness *(in the Community Room)*  
Church Information Series at 6pm on Zoom
- Sun. 5/29 Ascension Sunday – service at 10:15am, 4pm Kite Flying at Harbor Cove  
11:45am Final Class on Practical Forgiveness *(in the Community Room)*
- Sun. 6/5 Pentecost Sunday – 10:15am service followed by the Pentecost Picnic
- Sat. 6/11 St. Paul's BIG Rummage Sale Extravaganza – *more information to come!*



**ASL Minute Learning to Sign – One Sunday at a Time**

At St. Paul's we're learning Sign Language. Why? Because we enjoy learning and growing together, because it's a great way to explore the concepts and ideas of our faith, and because all are welcome here. The videos are posted to our YouTube channel. [www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura](http://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura). Please subscribe so you won't miss a thing.



# Music for Ukraine

Benefit Concert Series for  
Humanitarian Aid



Caitlin Boruch, flute

Fredric Beerstein, oboe

Felix Eisenhauer, piano

Tara Eisenhauer, soprano

Sara Frey Edwards, organ

IN SUPPORT OF

Eric Johnson-Tamai, bassoon

Eric Kinsley, piano

Helen Park, clarinet

Heidi Vass, soprano

Seraphour vocal quartet

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Choir

**A Meditation  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 6PM**

**ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
3290 LOMA VISTA ROAD, VENTURA**

For more information, free tickets, and to make donations, please visit

**<https://events.unicefusa.org/event/music-for-ukraine>**

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