



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



*Online Bulletin*

## **First Sunday after Pentecost:**

## **Trinity Sunday**

**May 26, 2024 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).

**Safety Protocols** –Because some among us are at higher risk and continue to want some additional distance, we've reserved several pews in the front on the chapel side of the sanctuary for those with masks. Masks are optional on the Loma Vista side. We hope this will make it possible for everyone to find a place in the church where they can feel safe and comfortable. Thank you for your understanding. You are a shining example of what LOVE looks like.

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. The best way to keep up with everything that's going on at St. Paul's is to subscribe to our Email Newsletter. If you don't receive it and would like to be added to the list, please come see us at the Welcome Table or contact the office.

By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact the church office to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

Our Sunday School program (for children ages 2 years-grade 5) begins at 10am. Children are invited to join Miss Ana, Miss Cassidy and Miss Nairi 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.

Once again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshipping with us. 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.



*The angels are dancing again...*

### **Listen carefully, you just might hear the angels dancing on the roof!**

As things heat up, the beams in our beautiful church ceiling expand and creak. No worries! It's just part of this wonderful building's charm. For years, some of our members have said to each other, "Listen, the angels are dancing on the roof again!"

### ***Today's flowers are 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**

O Lux Beata Trinitas/O Trinity of Blessed Light  
The Mystery of God

*Gregorian Chant*  
*Paul Taylor*

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

### **Processional**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Hymn 362**  
*Cantor: Sophia Cotsis*

### **Opening Salutation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

*Celebrant*  
**People**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed by God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

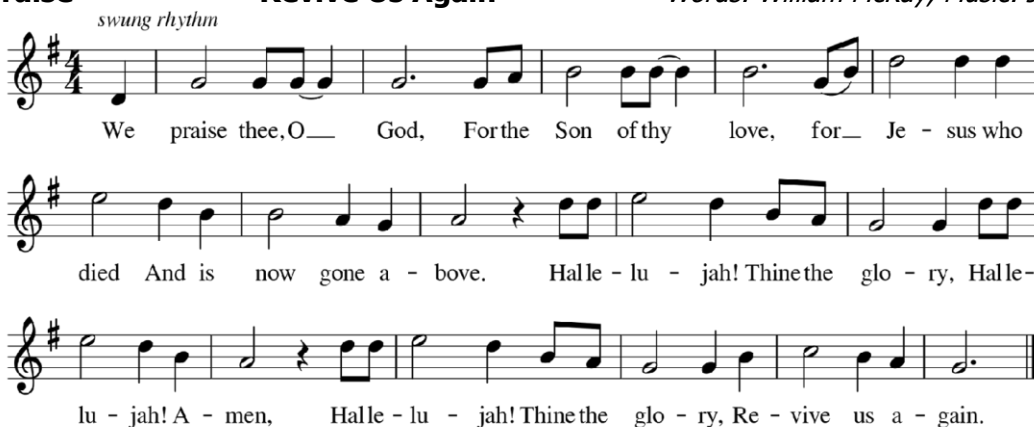
**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise

### Revive Us Again

*Words: William McKay, Music: John Husband*

*swung rhythm*



We praise thee, O God, For the Son of thy love, for Je - sus who  
died And is now gone a - bove. Halle - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Halle -  
lu - jah! A - men, Halle - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Re - vive us a - gain.

### Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, 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

Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

## Psalm 29

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 29. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd-numbered verses and the congregation is invited to read the even-numbered verses.

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

## Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

## Gradual Hymn

**I bind unto myself today, v. 1-2**

**Hymn 370**

*Please stand as you are able to sing.*

## Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

*Please remain standing as you are able and face the Gospel.*

*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**

Drew Darby, Seminary Intern

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*BCP p. 358*

*All stand as able and together say*

**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*

On this Trinity Sunday, let us lift our petitions to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, saying:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the ministers of the church, that they build a community of love which flows from the community of God, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For every member of the human family, that we be guided to all truth by the Spirit of Truth, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the stewards of the earth, that they accept creation as a wondrous gift and work to preserve its beauty, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who celebrate community here, that our labors spread joy and our witness bring peace, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and the suffering, especially those affected by acts of violence, and by disasters such as fire, flood and storm. For the dying all who grieve, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially... *(the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

O God our Father, from whom all blessings flow, we thank you and praise you. Answer our prayer and bring us hope through Christ your Son, who celebrates life with you in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Confession

*BCP p. 360*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is observed.*

**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.**

## Choir Appreciation and Blessing for Church Musicians

*The congregation remains seated. Choir and Church Musicians come forward.*

**O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## 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.*

## Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

### Collect for Heroic Service in Honor of Memorial Day

*The congregation may remain seated.*

**O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people share the benefits of true freedom. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *Liturgy of the Table* *Holy Communion*

### Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.



*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

God So Loved the World

*John Stainer*

### Presentation Hymn

**Holy Father, great Creator**

**Hymnal 368**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

*The people remain standing.*

*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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time, you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## 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

*You are invited to stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

## **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.  
**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 in this holy way.

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*For in-person worshipers: Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive the Eucharist. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive, please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you.*

***The Common Cup will be offered on the right side of the altar rail.  
Intinction (dipping) will be offered on the left (Loma Vista) side.***

*Regardless of which side you are sitting on, when you come forward, please go to whichever side is offering the wine in the way you prefer to receive it.*

*Those receiving by intinction are asked to help themselves to a small paper cup.*

*Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer.*

***You may also choose to return to your seat without receiving the wine.  
Be assured that it is a sufficient experience of communion.***



*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.*

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*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

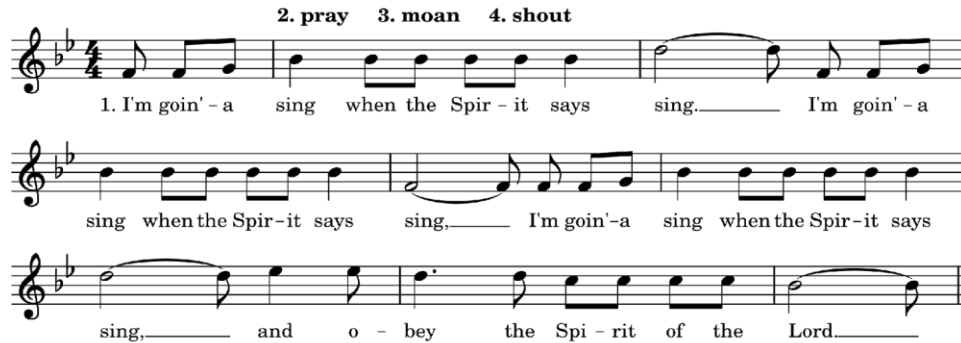
Inspirations on Rustington

Felix Eisenhauer

### I'm goin'-a sing when the Spirit says sing

Traditional Spiritual

2. pray 3. moan 4. shout



1. I'm goin'-a sing when the Spir-it says sing. I'm goin'-a  
sing when the Spir-it says sing. I'm goin'-a sing when the Spir-it says  
sing. and o-bey the Spi-rit of the Lord.

## Post Communion Prayer:

*Please stand 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.**

## Blessing

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

**Hymnal 423**

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

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

St. Denion, Welsh Fold melody

*arr. J. Bert Carlson*

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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 26, 2024***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury	Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Dick Swanson, Greg Larkin, Vicky Mouradian
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:***

Bert, Rev. Susan, Barb, Barbara, Alan, Mary, Kay, Ralph, all refugees, first responders, and everyone affected by COVID-19, gun violence, natural disaster, poverty, and injustice.

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

Penny, Phil, Lynn, Audrey, Dennis, Maria, Baby Z, Carol, Rachel, Dave, Kim, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Debbie, Carol, Vivian, Ulrich, Christian, Ron and Pam.

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

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179, La Famiglia Preschool, KinderMusik, Pulse Drumming and Ventura Charter School for Arts and Global Education
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2024 vestry members and officers are Greg Jackson (Senior Warden), Jordan Daniels (Junior Warden), Peter Anderson (Treasurer), Lori Burke (Clerk), Laura Andrews, Kathleen Crookston, Lisa Cross, Tim Helms, Pamela Price Klebaum, Sarah Lamola, Miles Sexton, Daniel Smithson, Susan Talmadge, Wendy VanHorn, and the Rev. Susan Bek
- + 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: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaowo, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

*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.*



### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

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# St. Paul's Announcements May 26, 2024

Thank you for joining us today! 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!** Our Sunday services are available online and in-person. Please let us know if we can do anything to support you on your spiritual journey. 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! You can reach us by emailing [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)



## Today is the First Sunday after Pentecost - Trinity Sunday,

This week the church celebrates the Trinity - one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Trinity means "threefold unity" and is a human expression of how we understand the mystery of God. Come learn about God. Come enjoy inspiring scripture, meaningful prayers, beautiful music, and an uplifting message. Join us for church on Sunday and get inspired!

**and after church today...**



### Join us for Coffee Hour

In-person worshippers are invited to join us in Kahler Hall (just down the stairs) for a cup of coffee, or tea and some refreshments. This gives us the chance to sit and chat with one another. In the church, we call this fellowship. It's one of our favorite parts of being on this journey of faith together.



### Fair Trade Sales Today!

St. Paul's is an Abolitionist Congregation, committed to ending the scourge of modern-day slavery. We sell fair trade products through the Equal Exchange to support farm cooperatives around the world giving farmers a fair price and a better future. Locally our sales support ending human trafficking through the Abolitionist Committee. Please stop by our table outside near the fountain to check out delicious chocolate, coffee and tea! Cash and checks accepted. Please see Joanne Wakelee or contact the church office with questions.



*Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?*

### A warm welcome to you!









We're so glad you joined us today. 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 again soon.



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

### OUTREACH PROJECT - Reach for Early Childhood Literacy

This month, St. Paul's is doing 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.

 <p>Book Club</p>	<p><b>Book Club – Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm on Zoom</b>  The First Monday Book Club is open to all. Our next book will be <i>Tom Lake</i> by Ann Patchett. <i>Tom Lake</i> is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. Our book for July will be <i>The Frozen River</i> by Ariel Lawhon.  Zoom Information – Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1<sup>st</sup>monday</p>
	<p><b>Confirmation Classes Begin June 23<sup>rd</sup>!</b>  People who would like to learn more about the history, ministry and worship of the Episcopal Church are invited to join the Confirmation Class on Sunday afternoons throughout the summer. We will gather in the library from Noon to 2:00 to learn about the church we love. Sign up on the sheet located on the Welcome table.</p>
	<p><b>Looking for a volunteer opportunity?</b>  We are looking for ushers and greeters to help with Sunday services. Free training provided! Speak with Rev. Greg, Rev. Vicki, Drew Darby or call the office and leave a message. We need you!!</p>
	<p><b>Two invitations from the Men's Group.</b>  We hope that you can join us for one or both of these weekly activities:  <b>Tuesday Evening Bible Study</b> - We meet at 6 p.m. at Winchesters Grill on Main Street for dinner, fellowship and Bible study. We are starting a new study of the book of Galatians.  <b>Friday Morning Breakfast</b> - We meet at 7 a.m. at Black Bear Diner on Harbor Boulevard for breakfast, fellowship and a study of the lectionary reading appointed for the week.</p>
	<p><b>Do you enjoy experiencing God in nature?</b>  Join us as we explore and appreciate God's creation. After a couple false starts due to rain and other circumstances, the next Spirituality in Nature Group activity is a hike and visit to the Satwiwa Native American Indian Cultural Center in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area on Saturday June 15. In addition to a short hike, we will explore the legacy of the indigenous people who originally inhabited our region. We will meet at 9:00 am at the Rancho Sierra Vista trailhead located off Potrero Road (follow the entrance road for Rancho Sierra Vista to the parking lot at the end of the road). Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:dan.wakelee@att.net">dan.wakelee@att.net</a> or to our Facebook event <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/7501267796631766">https://www.facebook.com/events/7501267796631766</a>.</p>
	<p><b>Wanted – Reward in May – Silver and Gold Roundup - Donate to St. Paul's!</b>  Besides all the wonderful treasures and household items you donate, we are asking you to clean out your jewelry box, junk drawers and miscellaneous stash spots you have. We would appreciate any broken gold and silver chains, bracelets, gold and silver earrings or cuff links that have lost their partners. Bring items like old class rings, items that you no longer wear nor need nor have emotional attachment to and dental gold! Crafters also are always looking for costume jewelry so bring it, even if broken.</p>
	<p><b>Going on Vacation?</b>  If you are on our regular schedule of Sunday volunteers (<i>Ushers, Servers, Chalice Bearers, Acolytes, Welcome Committee, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Lock Up Team, etc.</i>) and will be away on a Sunday when you're scheduled to serve, please try to trade with someone and let the church office know who to expect that Sunday. If you need our assistance, please let us know. Thank you so much for serving the church, and we wish you a wonderful vacation! Any questions, contact the office.</p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page</p>	<p><b>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</b>  <b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>  Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at office <a href="http://www.saintpaulsventura.org">www.saintpaulsventura.org</a> or use this QR code. Members give of their time through many ministries and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Generosity involves the giving of time, talent and treasure. 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!</p>





*Interested in checking out a ministry this summer?*

### **Summer Ministry Experiences**

If you've wondered what it would be like to serve the church in some of our most important ministries or would like to learn more about the church and how it functions, you're invited to have a Summer Ministry Experience. We'll connect you with the ministry team or teams of your choice and arrange a week (or more) for you to join in and experience a ministry that interests you. No prior experience necessary. We'll be pleased to have you join us!

**CHOOSE FROM:**

**Pick Up Choir** – Sing with our wonderful choir.

**Altar Guild** - Learn about our sacred vessels and how to set the church for services

**Usher** – Help greet worshipers and assist with the service

**Flower Guild** - Learn how to make beautiful flower arrangements

**Welcome Greeter** – Join one of our friendly teams that greet everyone on Sundays.

**SUMMER SERVICES** will be powerful, uplifting, and run just over an hour. Join us for interesting lessons, moving sermons and great fellowship with friends, old and new. We are so blessed to live here! Come to church and still have time to hit the beach and enjoy some summer fun!

**FANS** have been installed along the outer aisle for your comfort. As things heat up in our warmer months, please feel free to turn them on. Check with those around you, perhaps the oscillating feature would be helpful. Be mindful of the needs of others. We encourage those who prefer to be away from the fans to sit toward the center of the church.

## **Rummage Sale - Sat. June 1<sup>st</sup> 9am – 1:30pm in Kahler Hall**



You can begin dropping off items as of May 1<sup>st</sup> on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday 9am -3pm. Please contact the church office to let us know you're coming – 805 643-5033. Items can also be dropped off after church. Invite your friends to join us and help support the church for this important fundraiser. And if you can volunteer to assist us, please let us know.

We really appreciate your support!

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

***Please join us in thanking those serving this week:***

<b>Server:</b>	Drew Darby & Roger Crow	<b>Lector:</b>	Bridget Wareham
<b>Chalice:</b>	Kay Armstrong	<b>Ushers:</b>	Tegan & Steve Jones
<b>Acolytes:</b>		<b>Cantor:</b>	Sophia Cotsis
<b>Announcements:</b>	Wendy VanHorn		
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Pam Klebaum & Louise Bretz	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Lisa Cross
<b>Video Production:</b>	Patrick VanHorn	<b>Welcome Greeter:</b>	Pat Malchak
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Bridget Wareham	<b>Lock-up Team:</b>	Greg Jackson