

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Benicia, California

10:00 AM Worship for Sunday, June 16, 2024

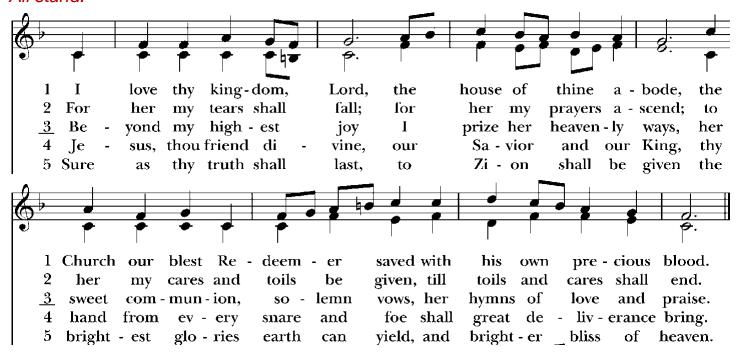
Eucharistic Prayer A

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Proper 6

ENTRANCE HYMN: (H 524) I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

All stand.



OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

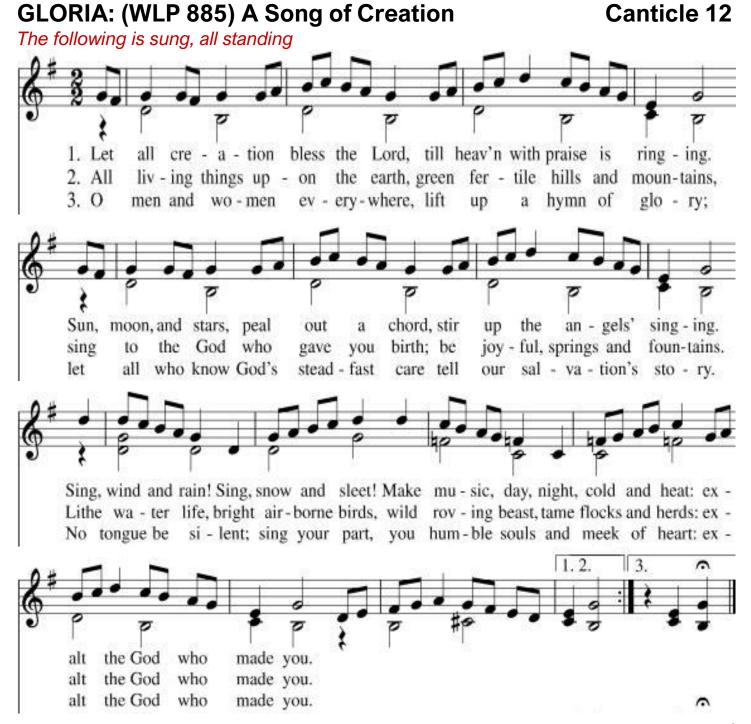
The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

The Celebrant may say

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.**



Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

The people sit.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons

pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 20

Remain seated.

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings *

and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire *

and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; * may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.
O Lord, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

The people sit.

⁶We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Silence may follow

.

GOSPEL HYMN: (H 209) We Walk By Faith, and Not By Sight

The following is sung, all standing



GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

All stand.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground," and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will

we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz

THE CREED BCP p. 358

All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP p. 359

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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.**

THE PEACE BCP p. 360

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRANSITIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP p. 376

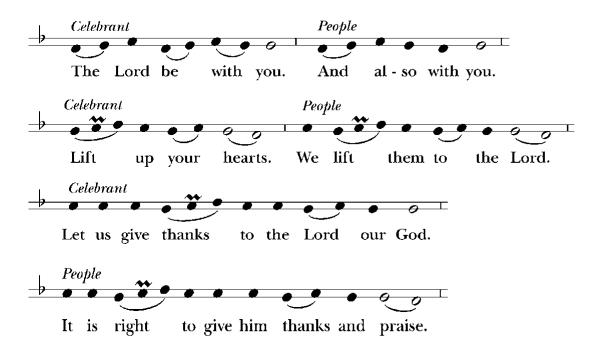
OFFERTORY HYMN: (H 620) Jerusalem, My Happy Home

The following is sung, all standing.



SURSUM CORDA: (S120) Lift Up Your Hearts

The People remain standing.



PROPER PREFACE

BCP p. 367

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS: (S 125) Holy, Holy, Holy

Celebrant and People



BCP p. 362

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

BCP p. 363

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts...

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 363

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

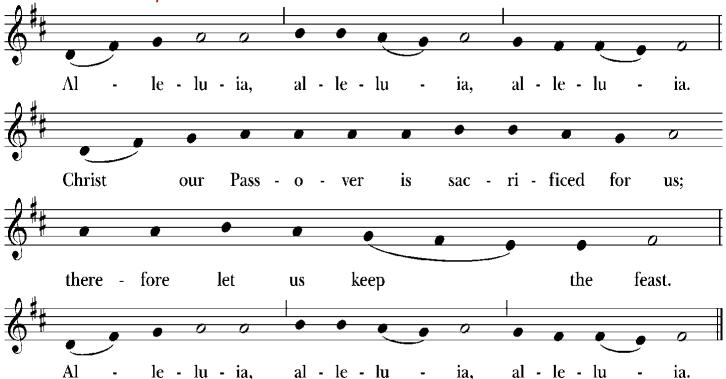
People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: (S 154) Christ Our Passover





INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

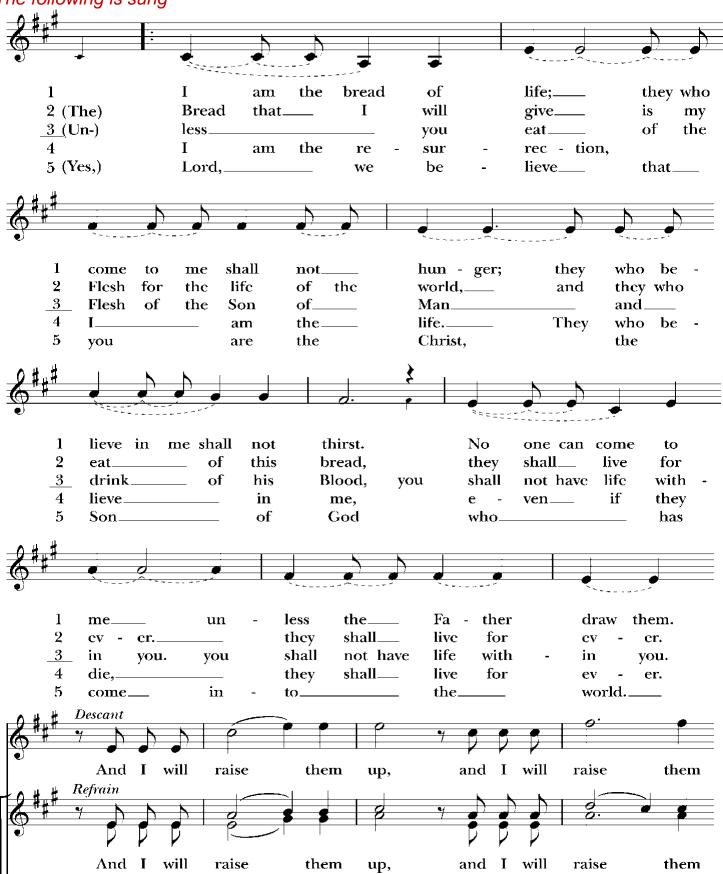
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

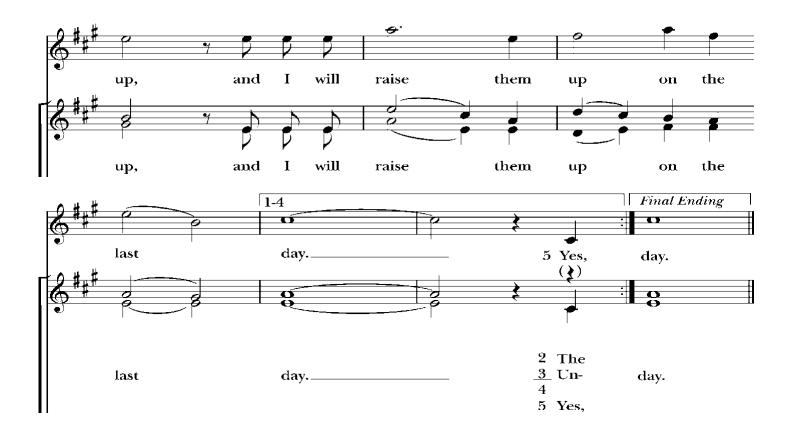
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: (H 335) I Am the Bread of Life







POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

BLESSING BCP p. 366

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: (H 525) The Church's One Foundation



DISMISSAL

The Deacon will dismiss the people

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Calendar Updates



Just a reminder that our 2024 VBS program, Wondrous Waters, will be held from Monday **June 17**th – Friday **June 21**st. Please note the following calendar updates for this week:

- To keep our campers safe, the church campus will be closed every day until 1 pm
- 9 am Morning Prayer is cancelled for this week
- Wednesday 10 am Eucharist and 11 am Bible
 Study is cancelled for this week
- Thursday 7:30 am Coffee with the Rector is cancelled

Peddler's Fair Traffic Control- Saturday, August 10th



WHAT??!!! ALREADY?!!

It seems like just yesterday I was asking for volunteers to sign up for the Peddler's Fair Traffic Control! Okay, no it doesn't. But we want to get rolling on the sign-ups so we're ahead of the game. I will have the sign-up board Sunday's after services in the Parish Hall. You can also sign up on Google Docs at the URL below.

New to St. Paul's and not sure what it's

about? It's super easy!! I can tell you more about it after services or you can call me! We also provide a video training session! Doesn't get any easier than that!! **So. all hands on deck!!**

On His Hook, Steve Rodekohr 707-580-8104

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1z_cPgGfG2IWU6_9BLgv_iSHvli8CVy2heMckaC5miAA/edit?usp=sharing

Docent Volunteers Needed



Would you like to volunteer for work during the Peddler's Fair, but are hesitant due to standing or sitting in the summer heat on First Street? Why not volunteer as a docent and stay inside St. Paul's? Extensive historical knowledge is not a requirement, only a general friendly attitude and a willingness to welcome people inside.

The most frequently asked questions by visitors are usually A) how old St. Paul's is and B) who built it (short answers: A) 165

years and B) shipwrights located in Benicia, based on the architectural designs by Julian McAllister, a US Army engineer). Most questions after that are some variants on where restrooms are located, service times, what denomination St. Paul's is, etc.

Questions and inquiries can be e-mailed to me at: timmarkley5@yahoo.com. More information will also be provided.

-Tim Markley, St. Paul's Archivist



Relay for Life Walkers and Greeters Needed 8/3 – 8/4 - St Patrick's/St Vincent's High School track – 1500 Benicia Rd Vallejo.

The St Paul's Holy Strollers will be participating in the Benicia Vallejo Napa American Canyon Relay for Life fundraising walk to support the American Cancer Society again this year. Opening ceremony and Survivor's lap at 10 AM Saturday August 3rd; final ceremony and dove release Sunday morning August 4th. In between, we take turns walking so that at least

one Holy Stroller is on the track for the entire 24 hours. You can walk a few minutes, or a few hours or you can sit in the shade at our tent/home base and greet cancer survivors with a small gift from the people of St Paul's. Relay for Life is fun, moving, and hopeful as our community comes together to fight cancer. The money raised goes to support ACS services, research, and more.

St Paul's will be creating fundraising luminarias at several upcoming coffee hours to honor our loved ones fighting cancer and remember those we have lost. The luminarias will be lit Saturday 8/3 during the walk and light the way for overnight walkers, a glowing recognition of the impact cancer has on our community.

Interested? Come to coffee hour and find out more, or email Laura Peabody-Park Lpeabodyca@hotmail.com (preferred) or 925.451.0569 cell.

There are two steps to participate as a walker/runner

- 1. Sign up for a time slot to walk or greet survivors on the sheet in the Parish Hall.
- 2. Register for the walk online at http://main.acsevents.org/goto/StPaulsBenicia24



Party of Parties

Party of Parties proceeds benefit all the programs at St. Paul's as well as providing lots of fun and fellowship. Please join us!

First Street Scavenger Hunt (9/7/24); \$25/team

To sign up for a party, contact the church office at

(707) 745-0307 or admin@stpaulsbenicia.org.



Film Screening - The
Philadelphia Eleven
July 13th, 2 - 4 pm, Trinity
Cathedral
2620 Capitol Ave, Sacramento
Donations on a sliding scale of \$5 \$10 are welcome - no one will be
turned away for lack of funds

In an act of civil disobedience, a group of women and their supporters organize their ordination to become

Episcopal priests in 1974. The Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia welcomes them, but change is no small task. The women are harassed, threatened and banned from stepping on church property. In this feature-length documentary film, we meet the women who succeed in building a movement that transforms an age-old institution, and challenges the very essence of patriarchy within Christendom.

Following the screening, there will be a reception in the Lexis Gallery, featuring an exhibit comprised of some 20 art pieces by seven women artists, all of whom attend Trinity Cathedral.

Have you heard about EFM?



Education For Ministry (EFM) might be called **Exploration for Ministry**. It's a small-group program where you'll explore the Bible, Christian history and Christian theology, as well as what YOU believe and what Ministry means for you in today's world.

Though we read the bible and other books EFM is not a bible study nor a book group.
Along with prayer and study, through a process called Theological Reflection you'll have guided conversations on a wide variety of topics that will help you understand your faith, views and values.

It's a lively sacred space where everyone participates!

EfM is not intended as a path to ordination, rather, EfM encourages participants to ask, "What is my personal ministry? How do I interact with the world?"

The EFM program is the longest ongoing formation program in the Episcopal church, almost 50 years!

Learn more or join a group, contact:

Barbara Phillips-Barrett at bpb@napanet.net



Morning Prayer Weekdays at 9 a.m. in Church and on Zoom

Join Zoom meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89062643237?pwd=YzFxOU43dDJ0TThnM0VCZkY0REMxUT09

Meeting ID: 890 6264 3237

Passcode: 355908

One tap mobile +16699009128,,89062643237#,,,,*355908# US

(San Jose)

Dial by your location +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 890 6264 3237

Passcode: 355908

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.

Please e-mail information to: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org

Office phone: (707) 745-0307

PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTER IN HOSPICE

WENDY PETERSON

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

LEE ANNE BUNDESEN

WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

6/16 JIM BROWN
6/17 DAVID SELLS & YANN JOUVENOT
6/18 GENE EKENSTAM & REV. MARY GOSHERT
6/20 JERRY & LEONIDE MCKAY
6/22 STEVE & LINDA TREMAIN

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves
SFC Mike Moverley, 1st Battalion 143rd Field Artillery, U.S. Army
Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann, U.S. Army
AB Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force
SA Michelle Severa, PA, Air National Guard
Senior Airman Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force
Capt. Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

EMAIL ADMIN@STPAULSBENICIA.ORG FOR ADDITIONS OR UPDATES

CALENDAR

SUN 6/16 - PROPER 6

10 am +Communion 11 am Godly Play (U) 11 am Coffee Hour (P) 4 PM Meditation 8 pm AA (P)

MON 6/17	TUES 6/18	WED 6/19	
9 am VBS (Campus closed until 1 pm for campers) 9 am +Morning Prayer - Cancelled 4:30 pm Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band 8 pm AA (P)	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am VBS (Campus closed until 1 pm for campers) 9 am +Morning Prayer - Cancelled 7 pm +Vestry Meeting	7am AA Meeting (P) 9 am VBS (Campus closed until 1 pm for campers) 9 am +Morning Prayer - Cancelled 10 am +Communion - Cancelled 11 am Bible Study (P) - Cancelled 4:30 pm Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band	
THURS 6/20	FRI 6/21	SAT 6/22	
7am AA Meeting (P) 7:30 am Coffee with the Rector - Cancelled 9 am VBS (Campus closed until 1 pm for campers) 9 am +Morning Prayer - Cancelled	7am AA Meeting (P) 9 am VBS (Campus closed until 1 pm for campers) 9 am +Morning Prayer - Cancelled 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U) 12 pm Benicia Friendship Club (P)	

KEY

+ = Church P = Parish Hall U = Undercroft

R = Rectory

10 am +Service - VBS Sunday 11 am Godly Play (U) 11 am Coffee Hour (P) 3 pm Meditation Potluck (P) 8 pm AA (P)

SERVING THIS WEEK - JUNE 16, 2024				
	10:00 AM			
Celebrant	Rev. Annie Mertz			
Preacher	Rev. Annie Mertz			
Deacon	Rev. Beth Gaines			
Music	Bill Markley			
Lector	Robin Silver			
Intercessor	Donna Patey			
LEM	Donna Patey			
Ushers	Dale & Charlie Kilbourne			
Altar Guild	Robin Silver & Liz Stallings			
Flower Guild	Ann Lindsay			
Office Angels	Jeanne Brown & Debbie Varson			
Verger	Joe Brien			

Parish Leadership					
Clergy	Staff	Vestry			
The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, Associate Priest The Rev. Pamela Higgins, Associate Priest The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest	Dr. Matthew Welch, Traditional Music Director Eric Foster, Communications Coordinator Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator Tim Markley, Archivist	Jeff Jarvis, Senior Warden Chris Preovolos, Junior Warden Donna Marshall, Ed Curtis, Laura Peabody-Park, Jill Morris, Lisa Pena, Ann Lindsay, Gerri MacGregor			



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Benicia, California

MISSION

St. Paul's welcomes all people at any stage of their spiritual journey to worship together, care for the community, and live the message of Jesus Christ.

VISION

We strive to be an active, diverse, and welcoming community where people come together to worship and deepen their faith.

VALUES					
Community	Inclusion	The Message of Jesus Christ	Spiritual Growth		
We support our neighbors through service and compassion. We are a safe space and a supportive community where members are cared for by one another.	We are an inclusive community where people of all identities, backgrounds, and histories are welcome to find and continue their spiritual journey.	We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.	At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow, and strengthen one's faith at St.Paul's.		