

St. Paul's Episcopal ChurchBenicia, CA

10:00 AM Worship for Sunday, August 18, 2024

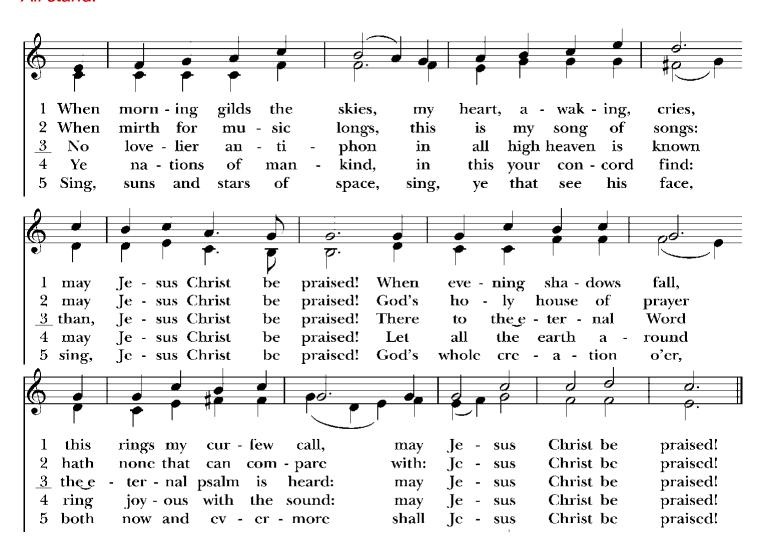
Eucharistic Prayer A

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Proper 15

ENTRANCE HYMN: (H 427) When Morning Gilds the Skies

All stand.



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

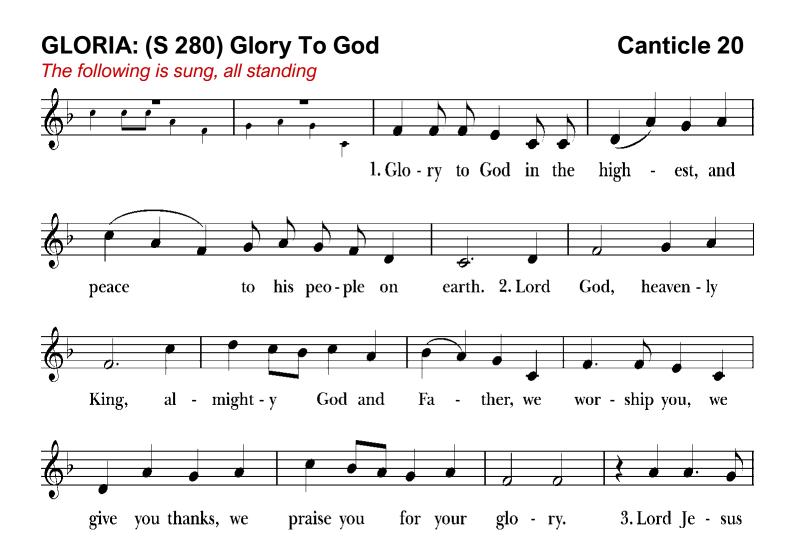
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Let us pray in unison

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.





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING:

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

The people sit

¹⁰David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹²So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

^{3:3}Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of

your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 111

Remain seated.

¹Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *

in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

³His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

⁸They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; *

holy and awesome is his Name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 5:15-20

The people sit.

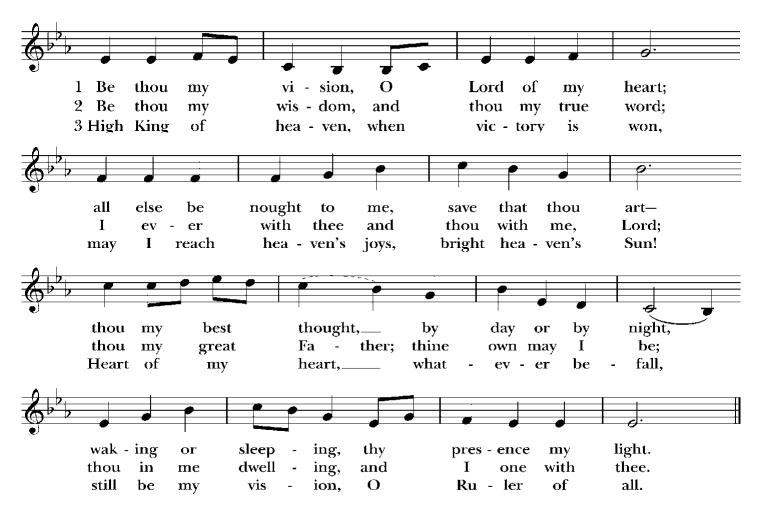
¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN: (H 488) Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart

The following is sung, all standing



GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

All stand

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON:

Jackie French



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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

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

Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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.

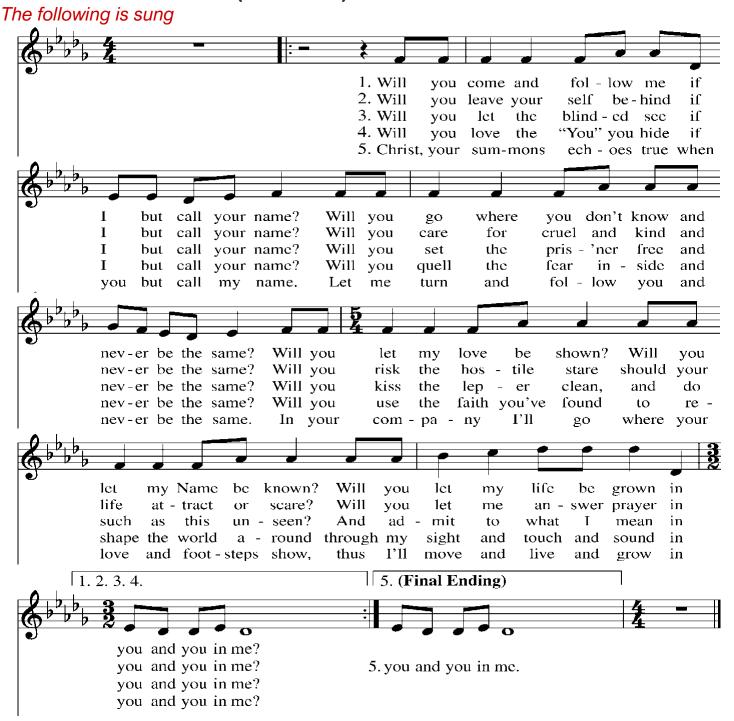
THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY HYMN: (WLP 757) Will You Come and Follow Me



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

SURSUM CORDA:

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 our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

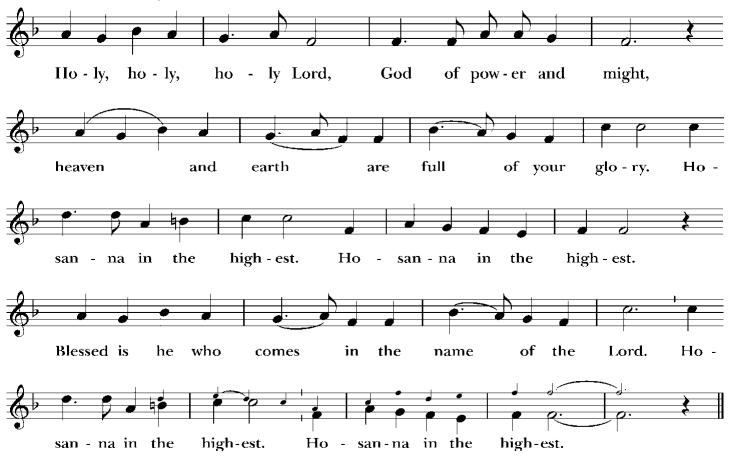
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...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



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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.

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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

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

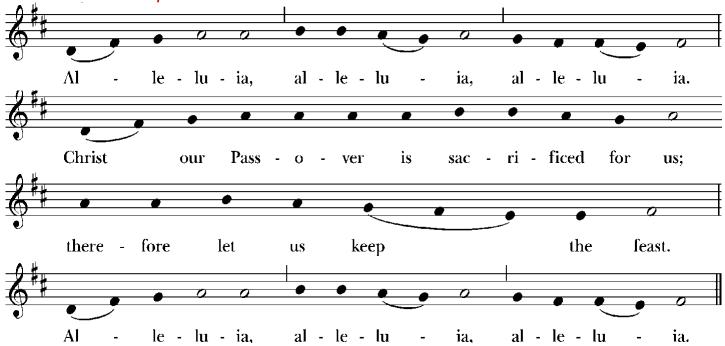
People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant and People



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.

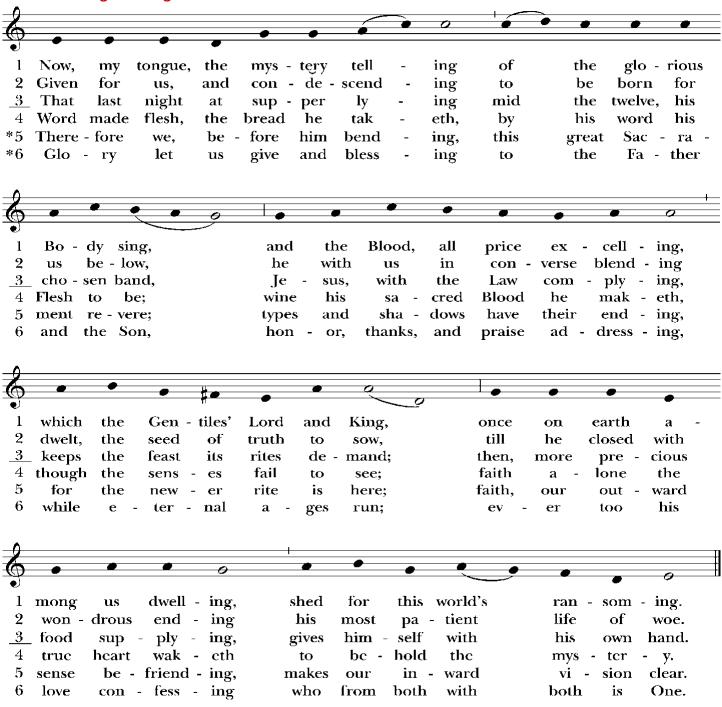
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

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



COMMUNION HYMN: (H 329) Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

The following is sung



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 Celebrant 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.**



MISSION HYMN: (H 594) God of Grace and God of Glory

The following is sung



DISMISSAL

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

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

People: Thanks be to God.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bake Sale: August 18th





Volunteers Needed For Godly Play

We need a few more Godly Play volunteers to give no more than 1 day per month teaching our little ones with the super easy Godly Play format.

- a. You will receive training and direction from our **Family Warden** Jill Morris.
- b. Many hands make light work.
- c. Providing this service WILL help our parish grow!

TGIFF (Thank Goodness it's Fourth Friday)



is on Friday August 23rd, from 5:30-7:30 in the undercroft. Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic).

Judith Judson- Baker & Debi Hall are hosting this month. We look forward to seeing you!



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Do you attend Coffee Hour after the service? If so, please consider signing up to be a Coffee Hour Host. It's a wonderfully organized program, with detailed pictures and instructions.

There is a sign-up sheet to the left of the coffee pots under the Cross Wall in the Parish Hall or feel free to reach out to our Coffee Hour coordinators Barry & Sally Cunningham at bcunningsb@gmail.com. Sign up for the caffeine, stay for the fellowship!

Relay for Life: Thank you!



Thanks and congratulations to everyone who supported the St. Paul's Holy Strollers in this year's Relay for Life. Together, we were at the track every minute of the 24-hour event, raised \$6453, lit more than 80 luminarias, and greeted lots of cancer survivors with small gifts that were blessed at our July 28th service. The St. Paul's Holy Strollers, nearly 40 of us this year, joined the Benicia, Vallejo, Napa and American Canyon community in raising awareness and funds; as I write this, over \$86,000 with donations still coming in. Your donations help fund groundbreaking research, patient care programs, and

help the American Cancer Society save lives. Together, we are making a difference! Mark your calendars – next year Relay for Life starts at 10am Saturday August 2nd.

With Hope and Gratitude, Laura

Did You Know?



A non-partisan informational series for the Episcopal Church about voting by the Public Policy Advocacy Group at Trinity Cathedral

What does the Episcopal Church Say about Voting? As Episcopalians, we know that our Christian faith is something that affects our social and communal lives as well as our private lives. More than ten resolutions passed by our General Convention in recent years stress the importance of voting rights, opposing voter suppression and ensuring that all citizens have the right to vote.

The Office of Government Relations has launched a very helpful Episcopal Church program to promote and facilitate local non-partisan voter engagement efforts. This informational series is based on that program. We hope not only to encourage YOU to vote, but to inspire you to share this information and bring others to the polls.

"Cast your vote, not on a partisan basis, not based on your biases, but vote your values. Vote the values of human dignity and equality. Vote the values of the rock on which this country was built. Vote."

— Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

For more information: See online announcements at: www.stpaulsbenicia.org

Community Meal



Volunteer Online Signups

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Community Meal on Mondays or Wednesdays, see the link below for the 2024 sign-up sheet. Please note that we need only one volunteer each day.

See weekly announcements (online) for sign-up sheet or contact: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org



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.

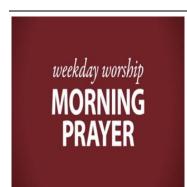
Air Conditioning Unit Scheduled For Repair: 8/26



UPDATE: Thanks to the **St. Paul's Historic Trust**, the A/C will be repaired in the chapel & undercroft! This will begin the week of 8/26.

The church A/C system is broken, we apologize for the inconvenience.

For those of you who are heat sensitive, please dress comfortably in anticipation of the summer heat. We appreciate your patience!



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

Join Zoom meeting

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

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The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.

Please e-mail information to: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org
Office phone: (707) 745-0307

NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

When you enter a St. Paul's Episcopal Church service or event, you enter an area where photography, audio, live streaming, and video recording may occur.

PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Mary Frances Kelly-Poh Ellen Whitehead Mark Park

WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8/22 Giovanna Zampa 8/22 Bruce & Sally Adams

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

E-mail: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org for updates or additions

CALENDAR

SUN 8/18 - PROPER 15

6:30 am AA Meeting (U) 10 am +Communion 11 am Coffee Hour (P) 4 pm Meditation (P) 8 pm AA (P)

MON 8/19	TUES 8/20	WED 8/21	
9 am +Morning Prayer 4:30 pm Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band 8 pm AA (P)	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 7 pm Vestry Meeting (U)	7am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 10 am +Communion 11 am Bible Study (P) 4:30 pm Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band	
THURS 8/22	FRI 8/23	SAT 8/24	
7am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 5:30 TGIFF (U) 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U) 5 :50 pm Benicia Kiwanis Club Pasta Dinner Benefiting Benicia Cub Scouts (P) (Please note: Prep begins at 2 pm)	

SUN 8/25 - PROPER 16

KEY

+ = Church

P = Parish Hall

U = Undercroft

R = Rectory

K = Kitchen

6:30 am AA Meeting (U) 10 am +Communion 11 am Coffee Hour (P) 4 pm Meditation (P) 8 pm AA (P)

SERVING THIS WEEK - August 18, 2024 10:00 AM				
Celebrant	Rev. Canon Mary Goshert			
Preacher	Jackie French			
Deacon	Rev. Beth Gaines			
Music	Bill Markley			
Lector	Chris Ayles			
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay			
LEM	Steve Rodekohr			
Vestry Host	Ann Lindsay			
Ushers	Dale & Charlie Kilbourne			
Altar Guild	Liz Stallings			
Flower Guild	Liz Stallings			
Office Angels	Ann Lindsay			
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.		