

# **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**Benicia, CA

# 10:00 AM Worship for Sunday, August 25, 2024

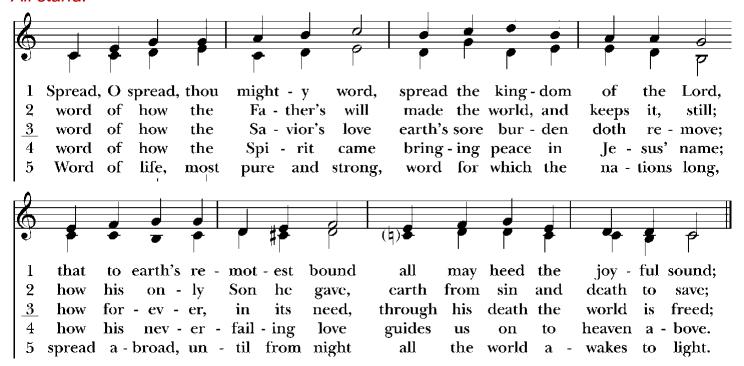
**Eucharistic Prayer A** 

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Proper 16** 

# **ENTRANCE HYMN: (H 530) Spread, O spread, Thou Mighty Word**

All stand.



# **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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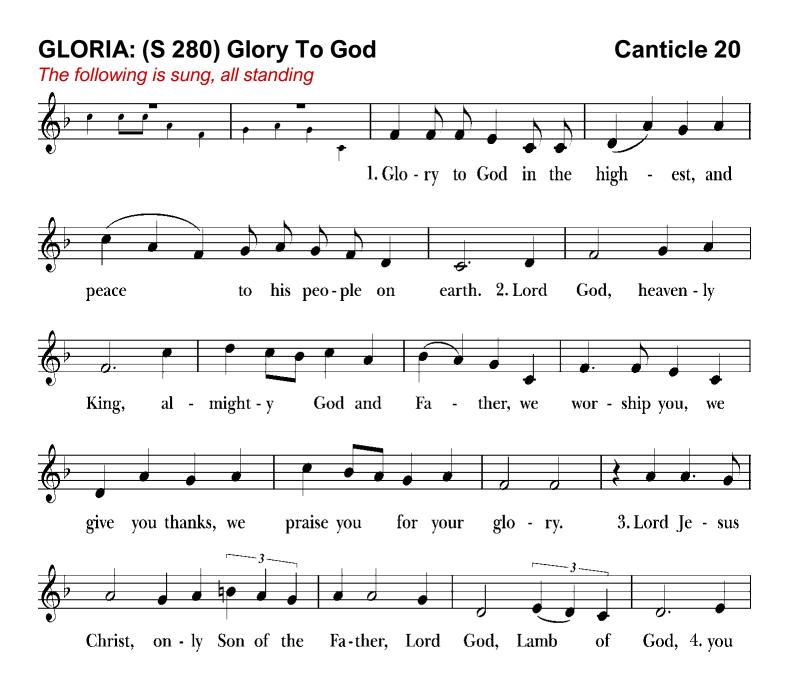
The people standing, the Celebrant says

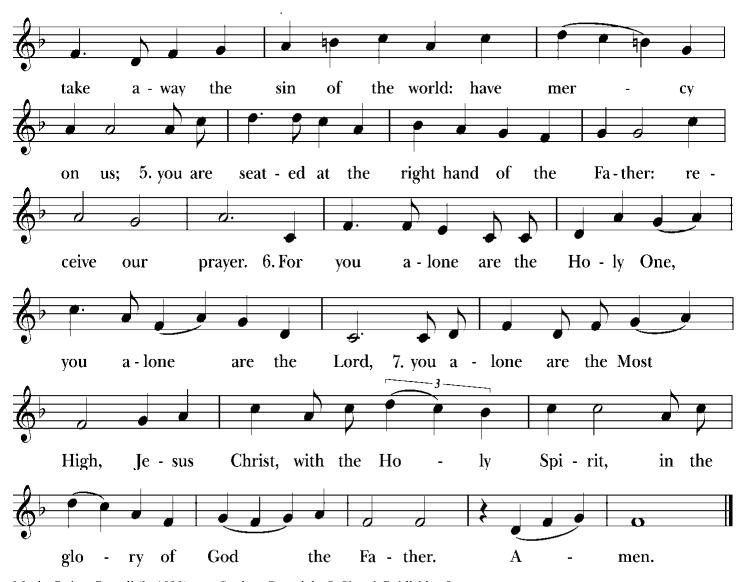
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43

# The people sit

[1Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. <sup>6</sup>Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. <sup>10</sup>And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.] <sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven.<sup>23</sup>He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' 26 Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

<sup>27</sup>"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup>Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. <sup>41</sup>"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name <sup>42</sup>—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, <sup>43</sup>then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 84

#### Remain seated.

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

<sup>2</sup>The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, \*

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

they will always be praising you.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

<sup>5</sup>Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \* for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

<sup>6</sup>They will climb from height to height, \*

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

<sup>7</sup>LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*

hearken, O God of Jacob.

<sup>8</sup>Behold our defender, O God; \*

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

<sup>9</sup>For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \* and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*

he will give grace and glory;

<sup>11</sup>No good thing will the LORD withhold \*

from those who walk with integrity.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, \*

happy are they who put their trust in you!

# **SECOND READING:**

Ephesians 6:10-20

The people sit.

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.



# GOSPEL HYMN: (H 460) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

#### All stand

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This 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." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON:

The Rev. Beth Gaines



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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.** 

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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: (H 408) Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

The following is sung



# 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.

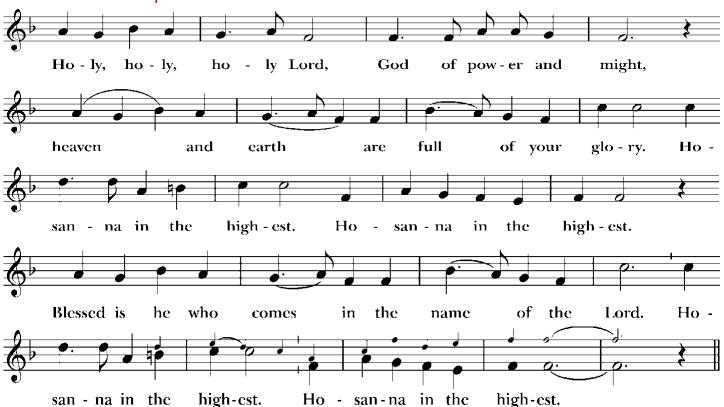
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,

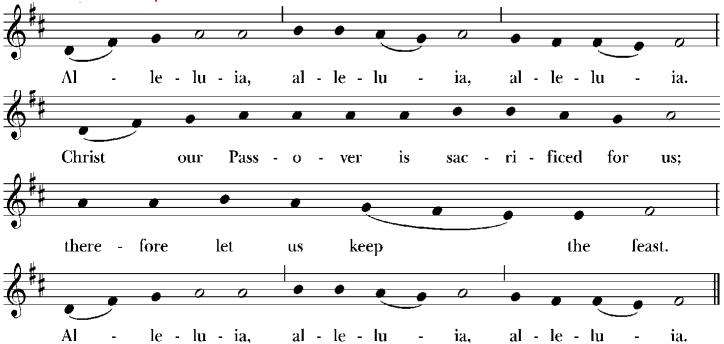
## People and Celebrant

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

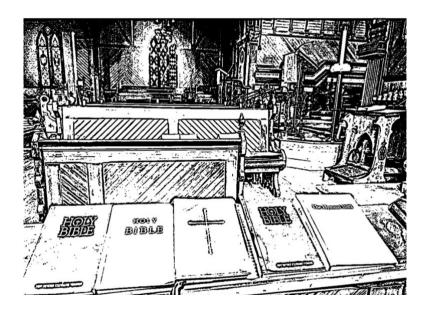
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

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.** 

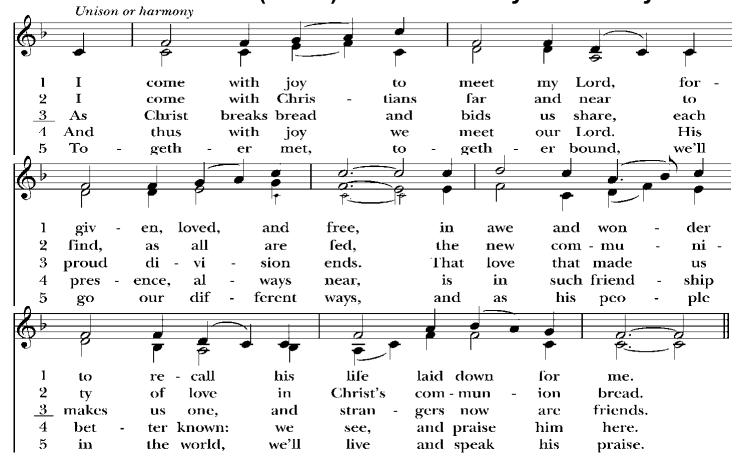
# **COMMUNION HYMN: (A3 18) Bind Us Together**

The following is sung

- **Chorus** Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together with love.
- Verse 1 There is only one God. There is only one king. There is only one body that is why we sing.
- **Verse 2** We are the family of God. We are the promise divine. We are the chosen design. We are the glorious new wine.



# COMMUNION HYMN: (H 304) I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord



# **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.

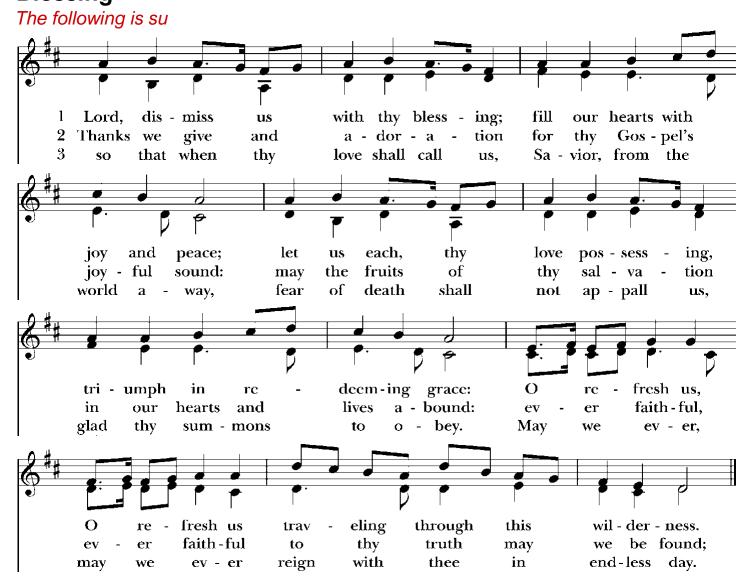
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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** 

# RECESSIONAL HYMN: (H 344) Lord, Dismiss Us with thy Blessing



# **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

# **Harvest Festival Fundraiser**



Hello All.

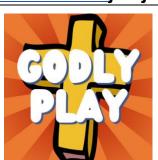
We are deep into the planning phase for the Fall Festival Fundraiser, and we need your help! Last year we had some awesome baskets and other items donated for the silent auction and raffle (the kind where you choose the item you want and put your raffle tickets into a bowl in front of it. The winner is chosen randomly from the tickets placed in the bowl).

This is where you come in, we need parishioners to make some fun baskets that we can either auction off (the more expensive ones) or other more simple ones for the raffle. Please reach out to me, if you have any questions or would like to put something

together. If you are looking for ideas you can check out a few examples here – (See our Weekly Announcements for link.)

Think food, entertainment, wine & chocolate, family activities. Thank you!

# **Contact Jeff:** jeff.jarvis@kellyspicers.com



# **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!

#### A Successful Bake Sale!



Thank you to all of the volunteers who brought baked goods & to those of you who so graciously donated to the Children's Ministries Dignity Day fund. As a result of your generosity, the Children's Ministries will bring 100 ready meals to the Dignity Day event on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful and appreciate your support!



# **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!**

August is coming to a close, and we still need volunteers to sign up to be Coffee Hour hosts in September. There is a sign-up sheet to the left of the coffee pots under the Cross Wall in the Parish Hall.

If you have any questions about what's required, there is an awesome instruction manual in the binder next to the sign-up sheet or feel free to reach out to our Coffee Hour coordinators Barry & Sally Cunningham at bcunningsb@gmail.com.



# **Summer Service Hours Extend Through October**

Please mark your calendars, we will continue to have one service at 10 AM through the month of October. Two services will resume on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to see you there, either in-person or streaming live!

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

With Hope and Gratitude, Laura

# **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.

Plastic Grocery Bags Needed for the Community Meal It's time to replenish the supply of plastic grocery bags used for the to-go meals on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please bring them to church on Sundays or drop them off on the

bench near the Parish Hall during the week.

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

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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.



The flowers at today's service are dedicated to:

The celebration of our 35th Wedding Anniversary

From: Charlie & Dale Kilbourne

#### **PRAYERS**

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Dave Manifold

# WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Mary Frances Kelly-Poh Ellen Whitehead Mark Park

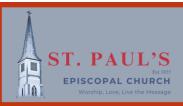
# WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8/29 Bob Lawson 8/26 Charlie & Dale Kilbourne

# 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



# SUNDAY 8/25: Proper 16

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

MON 8/26	TUE 8/27	WED 8/28
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 5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P)	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 7 pm BAFC Meeting (U)
THUR 8/29	FRI 8/30	<u>SAT 8/31</u>
7am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U)

#### **KEY**

+ = Church

P = Parish Hall U = Undercroft

R = Rectory

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# SUNDAY 9/1: Proper 17

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

SERVING THIS WEEK - August 25, 2024 10:00 AM			
Celebrant	Rev. Canon Mary Goshert		
Preacher	Rev. Beth Gaines		
Deacon	Rev. Beth Gaines		
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch		
Lector	Ann Lindsay		
Intercessor	Deacon/Deacon's helper		
LEM	Jim Brown		
Vestry Host	Chris Preovolos		
Ushers	Carole Johnson & Debbie Borst		
Altar Guild	Robin Silver, Cathy Cellini		
Flower Guild	Karen Lowe, Megan Klingensmith		
Office Angels	Sue Flor, Carole Johnson		
Verger	Fred Railsback		

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.		