

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

# 10:00 AM Worship for Sunday, September 8, 2024

**Eucharistic Prayer B** 

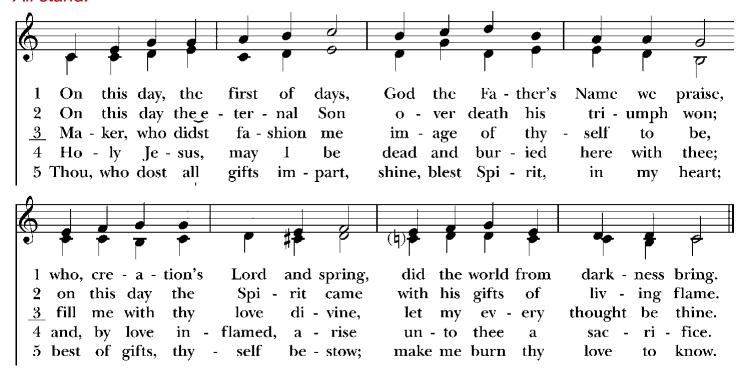
Proper 18

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

# **ENTRANCE HYMN: (H 47) On This Day, the First of Days**

All stand.



#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

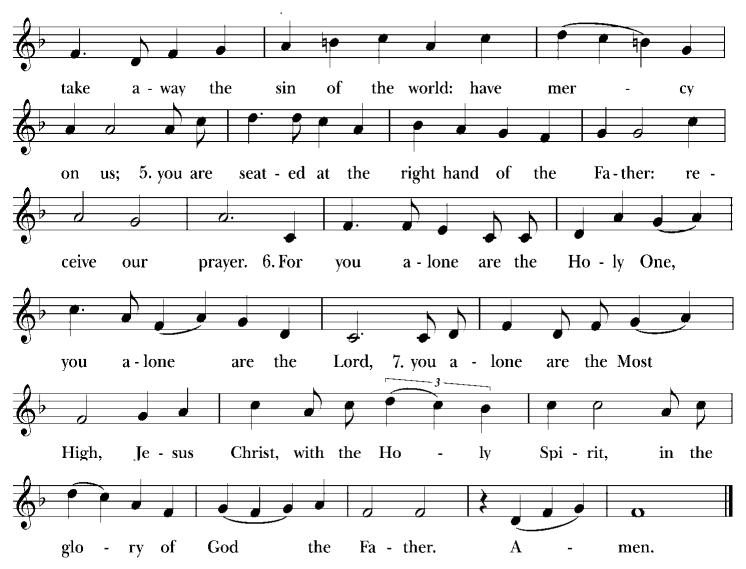
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LESSONS

#### FIRST READING:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

The people sit.

<sup>1</sup>A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. <sup>2</sup>The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. <sup>8</sup>Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. <sup>9</sup>Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. <sup>22</sup>Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; <sup>23</sup>for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 125

Remain seated.

<sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \* which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

<sup>2</sup>The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*

so does the LORD stand round about his people,

from this time forth for evermore.

<sup>3</sup>The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \* so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

<sup>4</sup>Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \* and to those who are true of heart.

<sup>5</sup>As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \* **but peace be upon Israel.** 

#### **SECOND READING:**

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

The people sit.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ¹Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

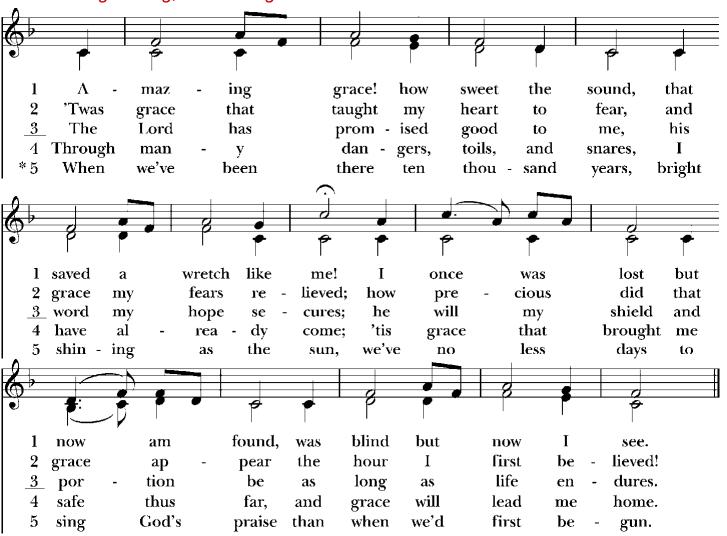
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

# **GOSPEL HYMN: (H 671) Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound**

The following is sung, all standing





GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

#### All stand

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON:

The Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert



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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: (H 371) Thou, Whose Almighty Word

#### The following is sung



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

#### **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

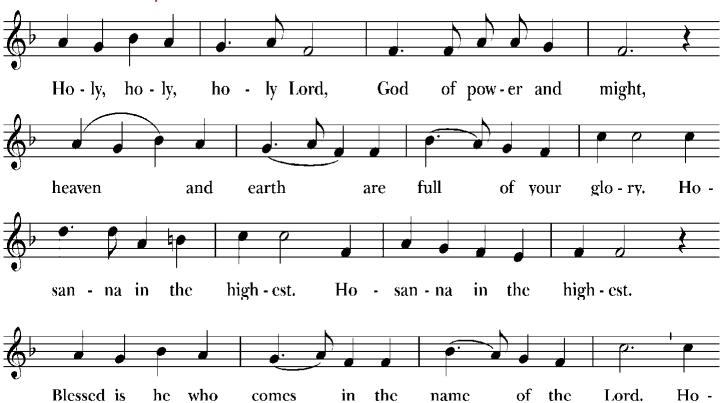
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

... Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

#### Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine...

... 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,

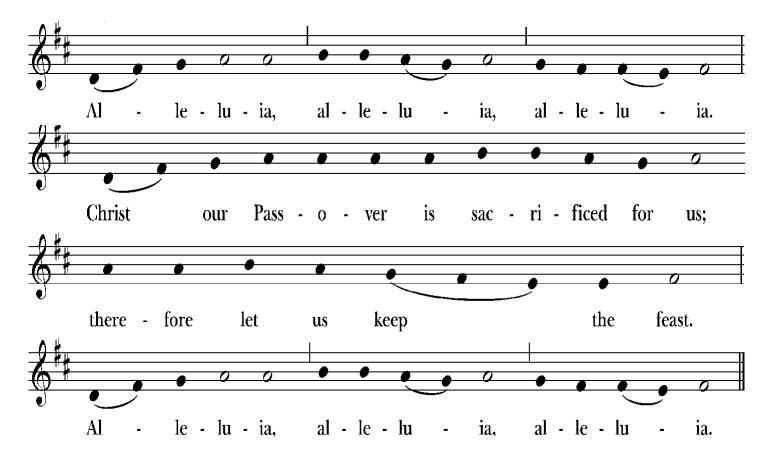
#### People and Celebrant

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

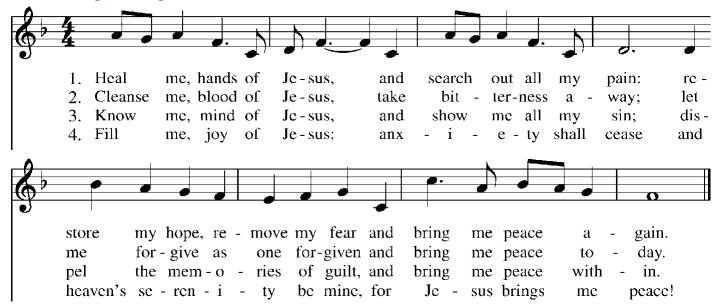
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

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.

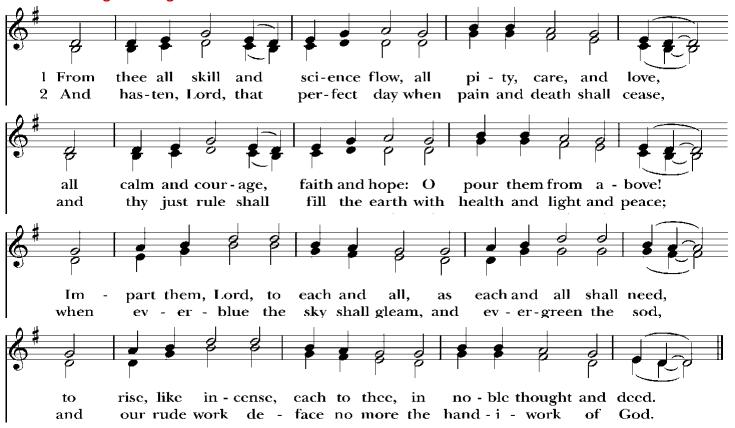
## **COMMUNION HYMN: (WLP 773) Heal Me, Hands of Jesus**

#### The following is sung



# COMMUNION HYMN: (H 566) From Thee All Skill and Science Flow

#### 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.

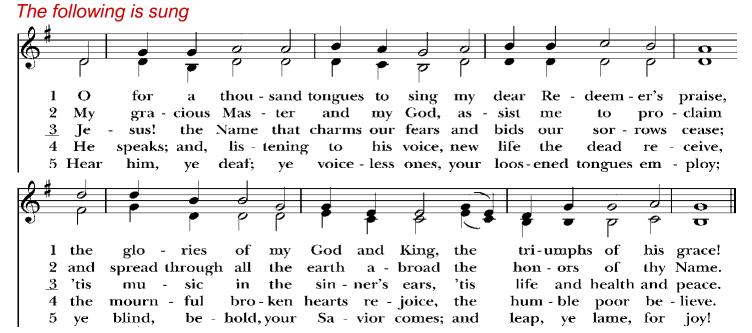
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 493) O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



#### **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



#### **TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!**

Scan the QR code below



Link available in our online Weekly Announcements. Or contact the office: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org (707) 745- 0307

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.

Think food, entertainment, wine & chocolate, family activities. Thank you! **Contact Jeff: jeff.jarvis@kellyspicers.com** 

### 9/11: Bell Ringing & Memorial Service

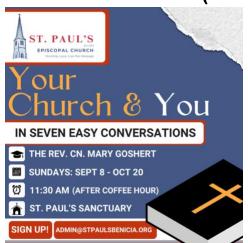


We'll be hosting a memorial service, in remembrance of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in ringing the bell is welcome to do so-Please arrive Wednesday morning at **8:30 am**. The bell ringing & the memorial service begin at 8:46 am.

This tradition began in 2002, when we invited any (and all) members of the community to ring the bell 2,996 times. One ring for each life lost.

You're all welcome to join us and participate as we mourn those tragically lost 23 years ago.

#### Your Church & You (In Seven Easy Conversations)



Starting on Sunday, September 8 and continuing for six sessions, following coffee hour, we will offer an interactive romp through the basics of being a Christian in the Episcopal tradition.

At the conclusion of the series, you will be prepared to be blessed by our Bishop in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation, and more, as you desire.

Hosted by our very own The Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert on Sundays between 9/8 – 10/20 at 11:30 am in the

sanctuary, following Coffee Hour. To sign up, e-mail: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org



#### Calling All Cake Bakers!

We're in need of donations of **homemade cakes** for our Silent Auction at the Harvest Festival- This is a perfect opportunity to show off your baking skills for an amazing cause! For more information, please contact Lisa Pena: (619) 993-4248 or via email. lisapena37@gmail.com



#### Be Aware of Phishing and Scam Emails!

Most people have heard news about the many breaches in company security caused by the inadvertent clicking of a malicious link. Many people were affected by the result of a malware attack on CrowdStrike that affected millions of companies including many top tiered airlines.

As many of you noticed, our very own Reverend Annie's identity was compromised in an email seeking help in a manner that was suspicious. If the e-mail domain isn't from **stpaulsbenicia.org**, it's a fraudulent account. Here are a couple of

very simple practices you can do to avoid being affected by the bad actors that exist among us!

- Please be extra vigilant about any emails you receive, both professionally and personally, especially if they claim to be a bank or travel site or anything requiring you to make immediate changes.
- Always check the domain of the sender's email address to see that it matches the company.
- Monitor your financial accounts; if you see any unauthorized activity, please get in touch with your bank.
- Please don't click on links or open attachments in the email from an unknown sender.
- If you receive an external email related to your personal financial bank or business, please contact your contact person by phone to verify its legitimacy.
- Please don't enter your banking credentials if you click on the links or open the attachments.



## **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!



#### The A/C Has Been Repaired!

Thanks to the wonderful **St. Paul's Historic Trust**, the air conditioning has been repaired in the Sanctuary & Undercroft. We really appreciated your patience through the Summer heat!

But thanks to the Historic Trust- We can all chill out!



# **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



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

Join Zoom meeting (Link in Weekly Announcements online)

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

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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 THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Dave Manifold Alva Rodekohr

#### WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Mark Park
Mary Kaye (Michelle Fitzgerald's mother)
Veronica
Judith Mooney

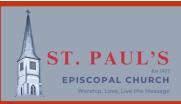
# WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

9/13 Roze Lawson 9/14 Jorge & Lisa Pena

# 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
Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

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



# Calendar



# SUNDAY 9/8: Proper 18

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

MON 9/9	TUE 9/10	<u>WED 9/11</u>	
9 am +Morning Prayer 4:30 pm Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band 8 pm AA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer	7am AA Meeting (P) 8:30 am +Memorial Service in Remembrance of 9/11 9 am +Morning Prayer 10 am +Communion - Cancelled 11 am Bible Study (P) - Cancelled 4:30 pm Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band	
THUR 9/12	<u>FRI 9/13</u>	<u>SAT 9/14</u>	
7am AA Meeting (P) 7:30 am Coffee with the Senior Warden 9 am +Morning Prayer	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U)	

# **SUNDAY 9/15: Proper 19**

#### **KEY**

+ = Church P = Parish Hall

U = Undercroft

R = Rectory

K = Kitchen

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
10 am +Communion
11 am Godly Play (U)
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4 pm Meditation (P)
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SERVING THIS WEEK - September 8, 2024 10:00 AM				
Celebrant	Rev. Canon Mary Goshert			
Preacher	Rev. Canon Mary Goshert			
Deacon	Rev. Beth Gaines			
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch			
Lector	Ann Lindsay			
Intercessor	MaryFrances Kelly-Poh			
LEM	MaryFrances Kelly-Poh			
Vestry Host	Donna Marshall			
Ushers	Katie McGovern & Chris Ayles			
Altar Guild	Jeanne Brown, Sandy Schipper			
Flower Guild	Liz Stallings			
Office Angels	Carole Johnson, Sue Flor			
Verger	Jim Peterson			

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	<b>Dr. Matthew Welch</b> , Traditional Music Director <b>Eric Foster</b> , Communications Coordinator <b>Lisa Lannoy</b> , Parish Administrator <b>Tim Markley</b> , 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.		