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Benicia, CA

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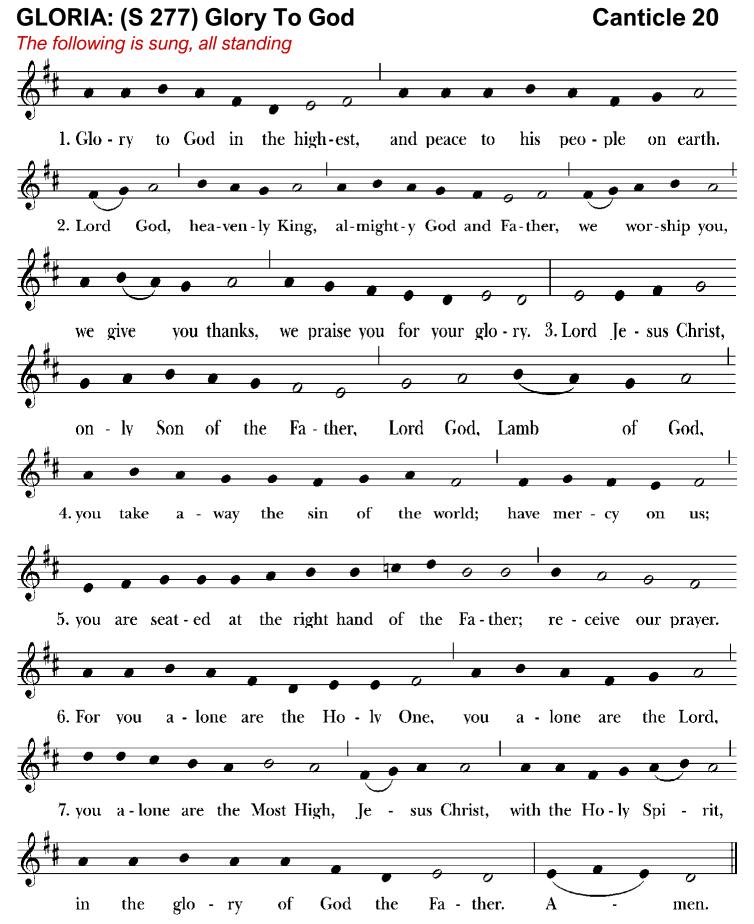
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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:

Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

The people sit.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

³⁴"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you?
³⁵Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'?
³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? ³⁷Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
³⁸when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

³⁹"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, ⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? ⁴¹Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

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

Silence may follow.

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

PSALM: *Remain seated.*

> ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul; * O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor. ²You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain. ³You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. ⁴You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants. ⁵You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time. ⁶You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains. ⁷At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away. ⁸They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them. ⁹You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth. ²⁵O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all: the earth is full of your creatures. ^{37b}Hallelujah!



SECOND READING:

The people sit.

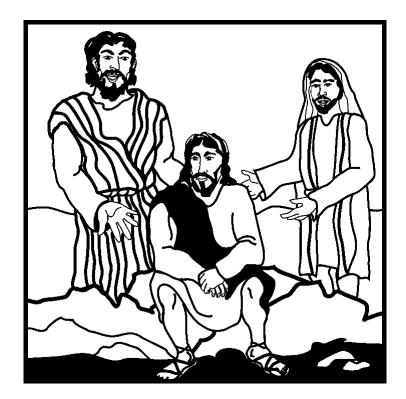
¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Silence may follow.



GOSPEL HYMN: (H 638) Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

The following is sung, all standing



GOSPEL:

Mark 10:35-45

All stand

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ. ³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON:

The Rev. Annie Mertz

THE CREED

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.

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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

All stand.

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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

OFFERTORY HYMN: (H 583) O Holy City, Seen of John

The following is sung

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1 O	ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
2 O	shame to us who rest con-tent while lust and greed for gain
3 Give	us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
4 Al	rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:
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	in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
\mathbf{in}	street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
too	long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
lo,	how its splen - dor chal-leng - es the souls that great - ly dare-
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and	where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
and	bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
and	where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.
yea,	bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

SURSUM CORDA:

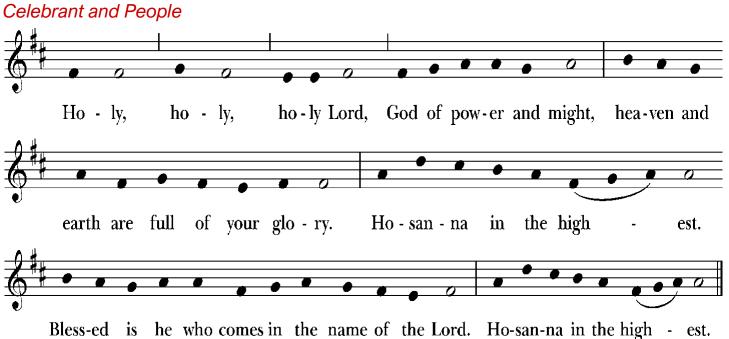
The People remain standing.

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

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 124) Holy, Holy, Holy

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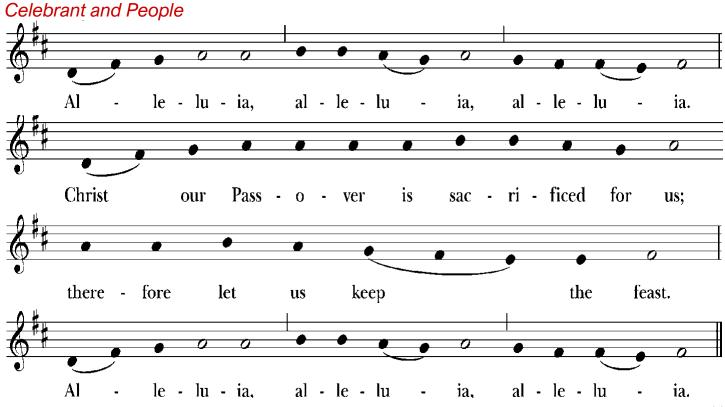
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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



INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

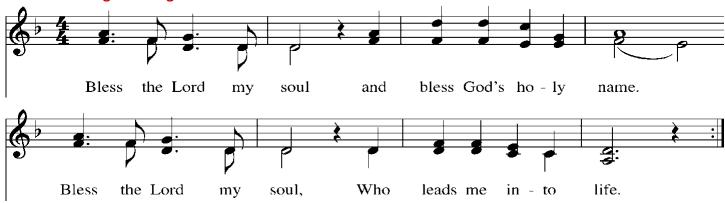
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

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 825) Bless the Lord My Soul

The following is sung



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.

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

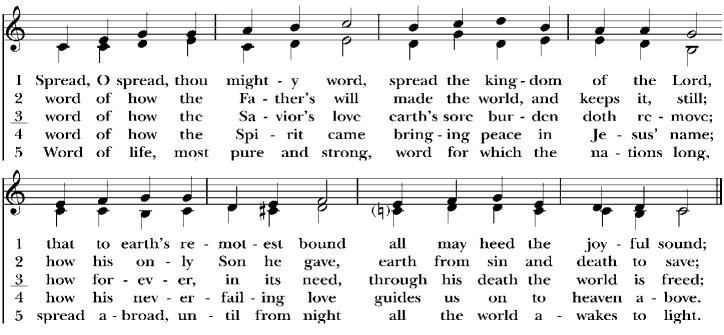
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The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

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 530) Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

The following is sung



DISMISSAL

The Deacon or 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

Sugar Skull Making!: 10/20



All ages welcome!

Come hear about the history and traditions of Dia de los Muertos after service on **October 13th** in the Godly Playroom around 11:00am. After reading to the kids, Barbara Jewell will be teaching us how to mold sugar skulls in the undercroft. The skulls will need a week to dry then on Sunday **October 20th** during coffee hour all are invited to "paint" the sugar skulls with brightly colored frosting in the design of your choice and either take them home or place them on the ofrenda at the church on display for Dia de los Muertos!"

Day of the Dead Framed Photos:



For over 25 years we have celebrated Dia de Los Muertos at St. Paul's. As in Mexico, we use this celebration as a time to remember the family, friends, and others who have made a difference in our lives and are no longer with us. As part of our celebration, we are inviting you to bring **framed** photo(s) of your departed loved one(s) to display on the Reredos behind the altar. Please bring your framed photos to the Parish Office by **Friday October 25**th.

We also invite you to bring framed photos of your treasured pets that have passed away to honor and memorialize them in our Pet Ofrenda. Framed photos need to be in the church office by next **Sunday October 20th**. We would love to add your photos to our display, it's such a wonderful way to remember our loving animal friends. Please make sure your name is on the framed photo(s) so it can be returned to your family. If you have any questions, please contact: Lisa Pena at <u>lisapena37@gmail.com</u> - Richard Padfield at <u>richardp94510@gmail.com</u> or the Parish Office at admin@stpaulsbenicia.org.

Historic Ofrenda



As part of our Day of the Dead Celebration, we decorate the Chapel and display pictures of past rectors and other important parishioners of the church. There is a laminated card describing the person and their history with

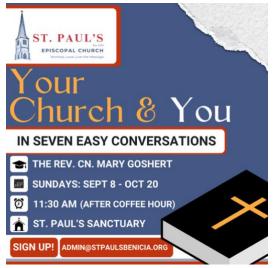
St Paul's. In addition, there is a memorial book (a three-ring binder) with the names and pictures of deceased parishioners going back 30 years. This historic ofrenda display will be along the far side wall of the chapel. Please note: If anyone has been left out of our memorial book please let Lisa at the Parish Office <u>admin@stpaulsbenicia.org</u> or Michelle Ellett at <u>michelleellett@gmail.com</u> know. During the rest of the year the binder resides in the parish office and is available for your perusal.



St. Paul's Open House on Saturday, Oct. 26th 10 am - 12 pm

Let's welcome our community and share the beauty of our building and our worship! The First Street Halloween Costume Contest & Sidewalk Stroll is a great opportunity to open our doors and connect with the folks of Benicia. And it just so happens that the church will be decorated for Day of the Dead/All Saint's. The event is free, and all are welcome. Invite your friends!

Your Church & You (In Seven Easy Conversations)



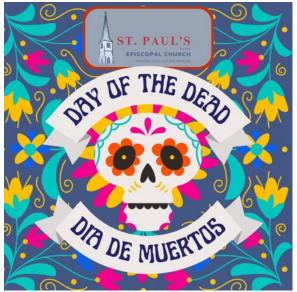
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Starting on Sunday, September 8 and continuing for six sessions, following coffee hour, we will offer an interactive romp through the basics of being a Christian in the Episcopal tradition.

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:

Dia de Los Muertos Celebration: Sunday, October 27, 2024.



This will be a time to remember those we have lost, and those who have passed before us in our own families, and those who made a difference in our lives. As well as the patriots who birthed the United States and the people who fought to make the aspirations of our Declaration of Independence a reality for everyone. As we anticipate the Bishop's arrival, we will be focusing on those people who shaped the Episcopal church and supported our baptismal covenant—that we are bound to support the dignity of every human being. We will be installing an outside Ofrenda and on the 27th will display our altar cloth naming

those we have loved and lost. Other displays are planned as well. Pan de Muerto will be served at coffee hour. If you would like names added to the alter cloth, or would like to help install the Ofrenda or with coffee hour on the 27th, please contact our parish office prior to October 20^{th,} admin@stpaulsbenicia.org



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 3rd. We hope to see you there, either in-person or streaming live!

Coffee Hosts Needed



We still need volunteers to sign up to be Coffee Hour hosts in November & December. Please remember that beginning **November 3rd we will go back to two services – so, we will have two coffee hours to host.** 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 reference guide in the binder next to the sign-up sheet or feel free to reach out to our Coffee Hour coordinators Barry & Sally Cunningham at <u>bcunningsb@gmail.com</u>.

Sign up with a friend and kick off your Sunday with caffeine and fellowship!

How does St. Paul's Walk in Love?



This is the question at the heart of our stewardship campaign. You're invited to write down your answer on a postcard in the Parish Hall and post your answer on the bulletin board. It will all add up to a beautiful collage that reflects our ministry, mission, and purpose! Stay tuned to our social media channels for reflections by your vestry members throughout the season.

And save the date! On Friday, November 1, join Rev. Annie for an early evening "Walk in Love in Benicia." We'll stroll down first street and back, reflecting on all the things we love about our town and celebrate with a treat.



Flower Arranging Workshop

Attention Ladies of St. Paul's! A Flower Arranging workshop is being considered as an upcoming women's activity (only if there is enough interest to do one). A minimum of 10 participants will be required. It will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, November 2 from 10 am to 12 pm. There will be a cost of \$20 to cover supplies. If you are interested in participating, please contact Blanche Hilman by email @ bhilperson@comcast.net as soon as possible. Thank you!

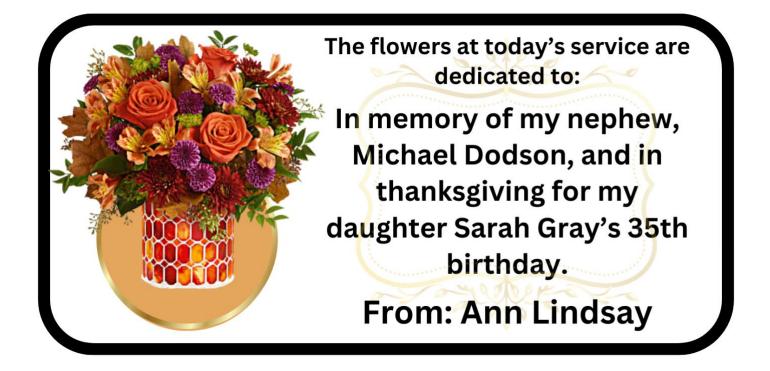
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The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon. Please e-mail information to: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org Office phone: (707) 745-0307

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 Mary Brien

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Julia Padfield Mark Park Judith Mooney Cynthia Roberson Dixie Sellars Barbara Sawyer

WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/21 Rev. Dr. Arthur & Sarah Holder

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 Airman Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force SA Michelle Severa, PA, Air National Guard Staff SGT Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

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



Calendar



SUNDAY 10/20: Proper 24

6:30 am AA Meeting (U) 10 am +Communion 11 am Godly Play (U) 11 am Coffee Hour (P) & "Paint" the Sugar Skulls (P) 11:30 am +Your Church & You 8 pm AA (P)

MONDAY- 10/21	TUESDAY- 10/22	WEDNESDAY- 10/23
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 7 pm +GGSOC Practice 5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P) 7 pm Bocce Ball 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 7 pm BAFC Meeting (U)
THURSDAY- 10/24	FRIDAY- 10/25	SATURDAY- 10/26
7am AA Meeting (P) 7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie 9 am +Morning Prayer 7 pm +GGSOC Special Practice	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U) 10 am + Open House / Downtown Benicia Halloween Stroll

SUNDAY 10/27: All Souls - Dia de Los Muertos Bishop's Visit

KEY

- + = Church
- P = Parish Hal
- 0 = Undercroft
- R = Rectory
- < = Kitchen

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

SERVING THIS WEEK - October 20, 2024 10:00 AM				
Celebrant	Rev. Annie Mertz			
Preacher	Rev. Annie Mertz			
Deacon	Rev. Beth Gaines			
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch			
Lector	Debi Hall			
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay			
LEM	Kim Rodekohr			
Ushers	Donna Patey & Helen Kennedy-Lazar			
Altar Guild	Robin Silver & Liz Stallings			
Flower Guild	Ann Lindsay			
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			



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.				