

St. Paul's Episcopal ChurchBenicia, CA

8:45 AM Worship for Sunday, November 10, 2024

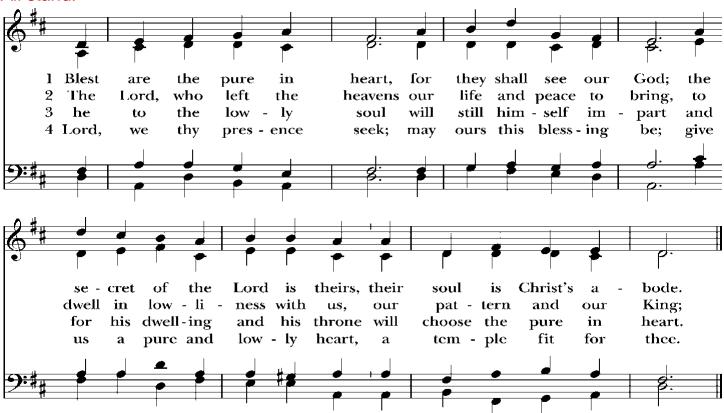
Eucharistic Prayer B

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Pentecost 25

ENTRANCE HYMN: (H 656) Blest Are the Pure in Heart





OPENING ACCLAMATION

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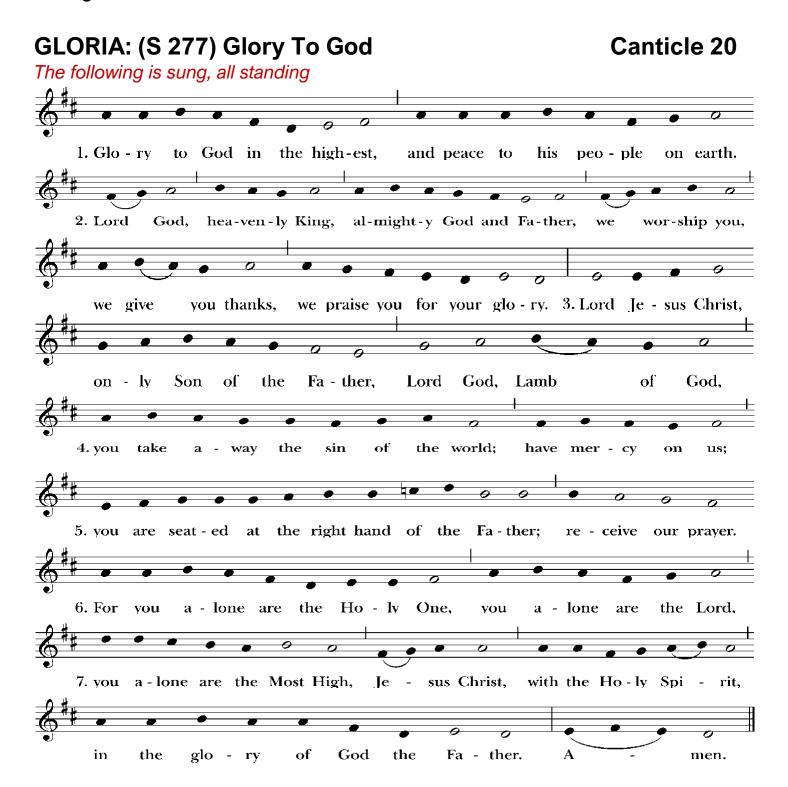
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: And blessed be God's reign, 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.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING:

The people sit.

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

¹Naomi her mother-in-law said to [Ruth,] "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ²Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." ⁵She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

^{4:13}So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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

Silence may follow

PSALM: Psalm 127

Remain seated.

*Unless the LORD builds the house, *
 their labor is in vain who build it.

 *Unless the LORD watches over the city, *
 in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

 *It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
 vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
 for he gives to his beloved sleep.

 *Children are a heritage from the LORD, *
 and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

 *Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
 are the children of one's youth.

 *Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
 He shall not be put to shame
 when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 9:24-28

The people sit.

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.
²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

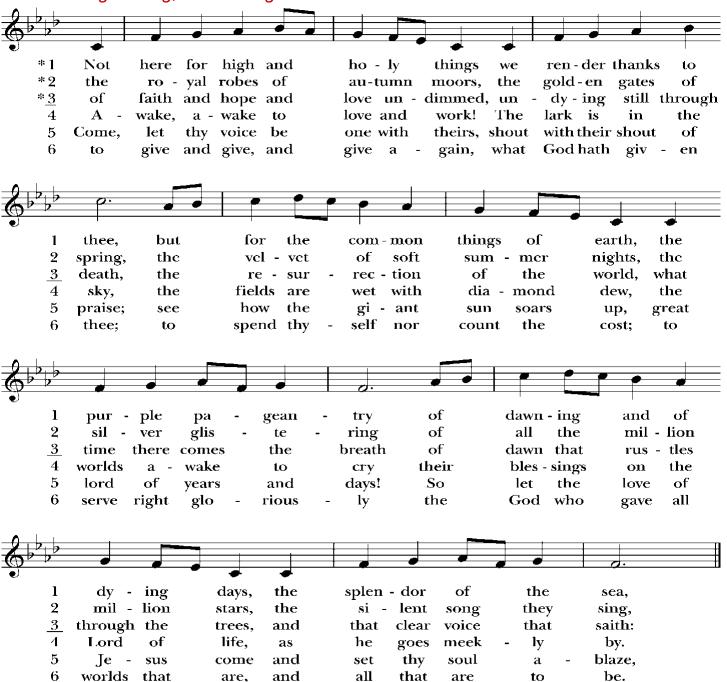
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN: (H 9) Not Here for High and Holy Things

The following is sung, all standing



GOSPEL:

Mark 12:38-44

All stand

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz

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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 CANON: Praise God

The following is sung

Refrain: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

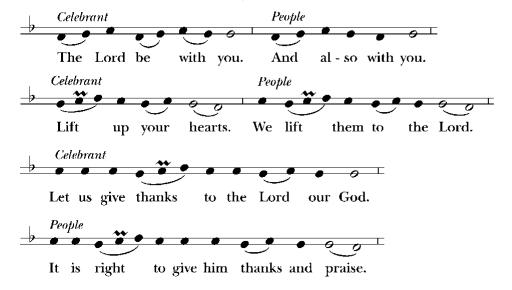
William Billings (1746-1800)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

SURSUM CORDA: (S 120) Lift Up Your Hearts

The People remain standing.



PROPER PREFACE

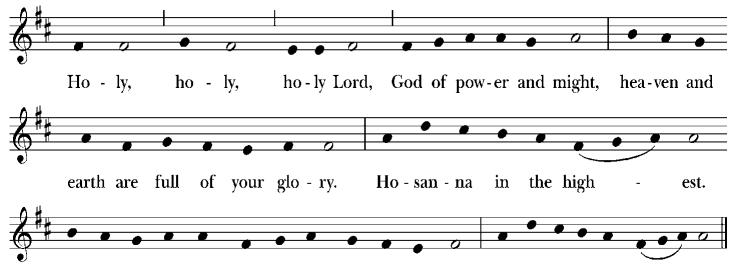
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...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 124) Holy, Holy, Holy

Celebrant and People



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all...

...After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

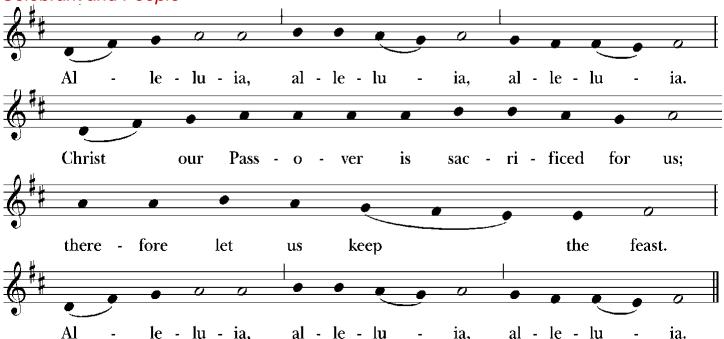
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



FRACTION ANTHEM: (S 154) Christ Our Passover





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: The Body, The Blood

The following is sung

Refrain: The Body of Christ; The Blood of Christ

Dr. Matthew Welch

COMMUNION HYMN: (WLP 814) Jesus Christ, Son of God

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.

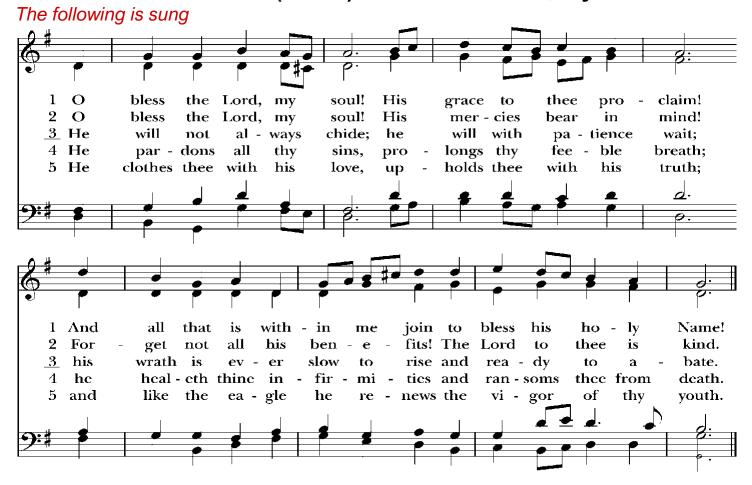
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The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

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 411) O Bless the Lord, My Soul



Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

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

Thank You For Your Pledges!



We are grateful to everyone for your generous annual pledges, which play a vital role in supporting the mission and ministries of St. Paul's. Your commitment and faith empower us to serve our congregation and the community with love and purpose. Thank you for your continued dedication to God's work through our church!

Additional pledge cards are available in the back of the church.

Interfaith Service



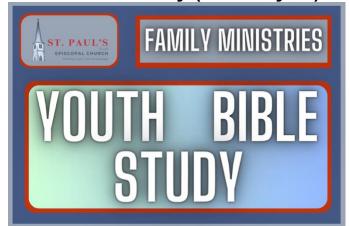
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 7:30 pm

In Person Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with Congregation B'nai Israel of Vallejo and St. Paul's Episcopal, Benicia

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

This year, the Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held at B'nai Isreal of Vallejo, 1256 Nebraska St.

Youth Bible Study (11 – 18 yrs.)



Sundays 10:00am

We are SO EXCITED to announce the launch of "Youth Bible Study" on Sunday November 3rd! If you have a child or know a child between the ages of 11-18 years old, who you think would be interested in eating donuts and discussing the Bible, please bring them to the undercroft on Sunday at 10:00am! There is NO registration required.

Your preteen or teen can drop in any Sunday and talk about the Word with one of our rotating clergy members who will be leading Bible study! Bibles and donuts provided!



Appreciation of Recognition

All you dear folks of St. Paul's,'
Forty years ago, St. Paul's stuck its collective neck out and did the *never-before in California action* when you called a woman as your rector.
Thank God that woman was me, for St. Paul's lived up to long reputation as a 'teaching congregation' for new clergy, educating raw beginners into the

skills and arts needed to be a good pastor. Thank you for that education, that has never faded, and continues to this day!

And thank you, and thanks again, for your recent generous demonstration of affection! From 'thank you' during our worship time to 'wow!' such a Coffee Hour that went so far beyond even the usual feast that St. Paul's people provide, to the flowers and notes and conversation, you have given me gifts that will last for ever and ever.

And thank you for being the people and place that Bishop Megan chose, when she surprised me -- and almost everyone else -- with the gift and recognition of the Bishop's Cross: I wouldn't have wanted that to happen anywhere else with anyone but you all.

Love,

Mary+



Sierra Service Project: Chili Dinner Fundraiser

Brrrr!! Winter is rolling in and that means that the Benicia Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting is just around the corner! And with that, our annual St. Paul's Sierra Service Project chili dinner fundraiser! The youth will be serving chili, cornbread and salad at the dinner on Friday, December 6th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Tickets will be sold after Sunday services in the Parish Hall beginning this Sunday. Adults are \$20, youth

are \$15 and kids 5 and under are free!! Come join us, support our youth mission program and then head out to First Street for the festivities!!



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 bcunningsb@gmail.com.

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



Altar Photos Available in the Rectory

Photos of your loved ones are in the library, and pet photos are in the back room of the office on the table. You can pick them up today or during office hours, 9-3 Tues-Fri.

Commission for Intercultural Ministries (CIM), Episcopal Diocese of

Northern California – Please join us!

Be part of creating a beloved community in our diocese, where all are welcome by joining an already robust commission. CIM meets monthly by Zoom. There are

several active subset groups of CIM, including: Latino/Hispanic Ministries, Indigenous Ministries Task Force, Advocacy Team, Racial Justice Audit and Rainbow Ministries CIM Mission: Our mission is to build the Beloved Community within the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. With partners, we are identifying and prioritizing needs within the diocese and developing initiatives to address those needs, to make Beloved Community part of the culture and fabric of our congregations. Please join us for our next meeting: **Thursday, November 21**st, **4 pm**, Zoom

EDNC: https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/site/Commission-on-Intercultural-

Ministries/#tab- For more information: NorCalCIM@gmail.com



OMMISSION FOR INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES

> Longest Night (or "Blue Christmas") Friday, December 20 7:00 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 120 West J. Street

Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or

some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities. All are welcome at this quiet gathering of prayer, music, and contemplation that makes room for all our sorrows in the midst of this busy

season.



Wanted: Community Meal Donations-Frozen Turkeys & Pies

Would you like to make a **HUGE** impact on someone's Thanksgiving? If so, our amazing Community Meal team is in need of frozen turkeys and pies of any kind! The Community Meal Thanksgiving dinner will be on Wednesday, November 27th.

<u>Frozen Turkeys</u>: Please deliver the frozen turkeys to the kitchen on the weekend before Thanksgiving

(11/23 11/24)

Pies: Please deliver on 11/26 - 11/27 to the Parish Hall.

Food from the Bar Results:



This year's fundraising drive for The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano was incredibly successful, bringing in a total of **\$70,638!** Partly this was due to a \$25,000 matching grant. Partly it was due to people from St. Paul's donating \$2,753! The money raised will provide **141,276** nutritious meals for food insecure people in our counties. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Barbara Jewell



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

Join Zoom meeting (Link in Weekly Announcements online)

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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

Julia Padfield
Mark Park
Judith Mooney
Tyler (Gerri's Grandson)
James Carr
Ron McConlogue

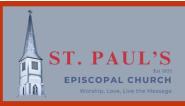
WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11/10 Tim Markley
11/11 Mary Klemm
11/14 Susie Bonstin
11/14 Don Smith
11/14 Mark Park & Laura Peabody-Park

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 11/10: Proper 27

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
8:45 am +Communion
10 am Coffee Hour (P)
10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
11 am +Communion
12 pm Coffee Hour
4 pm Meditation
8 pm AA (P)

MONDAY- 11/11	TUESDAY- 11/12	WEDNESDAY- 11/13
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	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
THURSDAY- 11/14	FRIDAY- 11/15	SATURDAY- 11/16
7am AA Meeting (P) 7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie 9 am +Morning Prayer 6 pm Be Sensitive Be Brave Training / Zoom (P)	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U) 7 am Men's Meeting (R) 12 pm Voena Tea & Choir (P)

SUNDAY 11/17 - Proper Proper 28

KEY

+ = Church P = Parish Hall

U = Undercrof R = Rectory

K = Kitchen

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SERVING THIS WEEK - November 10, 2024					
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM			
Celebrant	Rev. Annie Mertz				
Preacher	Rev. Annie Mertz				
Deacon	Rev. Beth Gaines Rev. Beth Gaines				
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch	. Matthew Welch Cameron De Palma			
Lector	Debi Hall	Martha Saldana-Wolf			
Intercessor	Jim Brown	Jim Wolf			
LEM	Jim Brown	Donna Patey			
Ushers	Lisa & Jorge Pena	Robin Silver & Marjorie Lowry			
Altar Guild	Jeanne Brown & Sandy Schipper				
Flower Guild	Ann Lindsay				
Office Angels	Jeanne Brown & Debbie Varson				
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	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.			