

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Benicia, CA

## **11:00 AM Worship for Sunday, November 17, 2024**

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Pentecost 26**

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: (A3 #26) Come, Now Is the Time to Worship**

*All stand.*

**Verse 1:** Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

**Verse 2:** One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God.  
One day ev'ry knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now.  
**(Repeat 1st verse)**

### **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**

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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*Let us pray in unison*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE: (A3 #54) He Is Exalted

*The following is sung, all standing*

**Verse 1:** He is exalted, the King is exalted on high  
I will praise him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted  
And I will praise his name!

**Refrain:** He is the Lord;  
Forever his truth shall reign.  
Heaven and Earth  
Rejoice in his holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

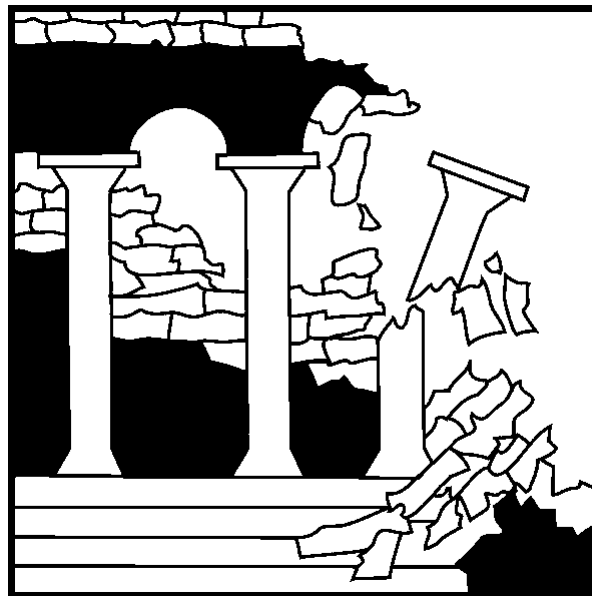
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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## THE LESSONS

### FIRST READING:

### 1 Samuel 1:4-20

*The people sit.*

<sup>4</sup>On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup>but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup>Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup>So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

<sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

<sup>12</sup>As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. <sup>14</sup>So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” <sup>15</sup>But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” <sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” <sup>18</sup>And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

<sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow*

# PSALM: Canticle: The Song of Hannah

1 Samuel 2:1-10

*Remain seated.*

My heart exults in you, O God; \*

**my triumph song is lifted in you.**

My mouth derides my enemies, \*

**for I rejoice in your salvation.**

There is none holy like you, \*

**nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.**

Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; \*

**only God is knowing and weighs all actions.**

The weapons of the mighty are broken, \*

**but the weak are clothed in strength.**

Those once full now labor for bread; \*

**those who hungered now are well fed.**

The childless woman finds her life fruitful, \*

**and the mother of many sits forlorn.**

God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; \*

**gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.**

God raises the poor from the dust; \*

**and lifts the needy from the ash heap**

to make them sit with rulers \*

**and inherit a place of honor.**

For the pillars of the earth are God's \*

**on which the whole earth is founded.**

God will guide the path of the faithful, \*

**but the wicked will languish in darkness.**

For it is not by human might \*

**that any mortal will prevail.**

The foes of our God will be shattered; \*

**the Most High will thunder through the heavens.**

The Almighty will judge the earth to its ends \*

**and will give strength to the ruler of God's own choosing.**

## SECOND READING:

## Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## GOSPEL HYMN: (Gather 258) Celtic Alleluia (Refrain only)

*The following is sung, all standing*

*To be repeated in the Post-Gospel Hymn*

**Refrain:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## GOSPEL:

Mark 13:1-8

*All stand*

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

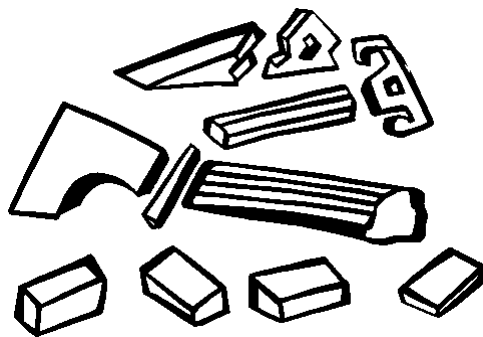
## POST-GOSPEL HYMN: (Gather 258) Celtic Alleluia (Refrain only)

*The following is sung, all standing*

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## THE SERMON:

The Rev. Annie Mertz



## THE CREED

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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

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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: Great Are You Lord

*The following is sung*

**Verse 1:** You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord

**Chorus:** It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

**Bridge:** And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord **(REPEAT)**



**SURSUM CORDA: (S 120) Lift Up Your Hearts**

*The People remain standing.*

The musical notation for 'SURSUM CORDA: (S 120) Lift Up Your Hearts' is presented in four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'It is right to give him 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 124) Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Celebrant and People*

The musical notation for 'SANCTUS: (S 124) Holy, Holy, Holy' is presented in three staves. The first staff has the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and'. The second staff has the lyrics 'earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The third staff has the lyrics '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,

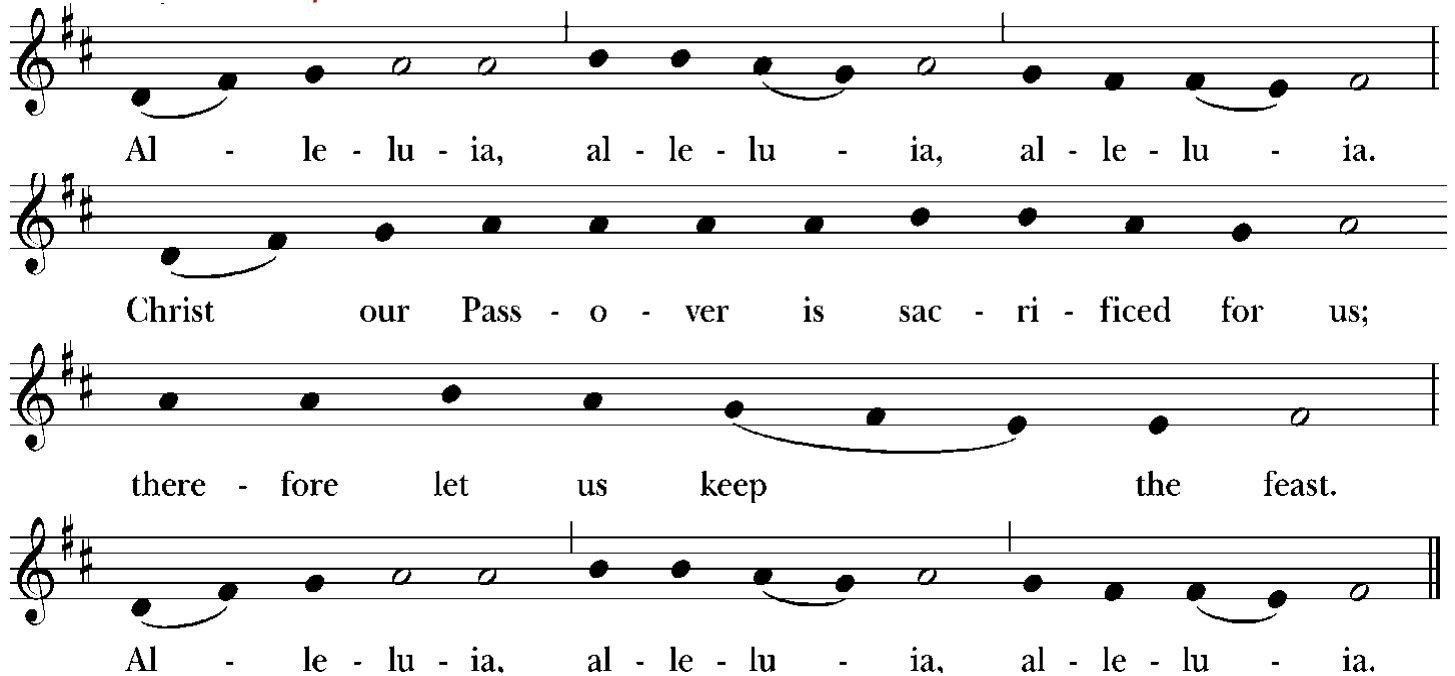
### *People and Celebrant*

**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

*Celebrant and People*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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 #138) Sanctuary

*The following is sung*

**Verse 1:** Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
And with thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary, oh for You

# COMMUNION HYMN: (LEVAS 101) Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

*The following is sung*



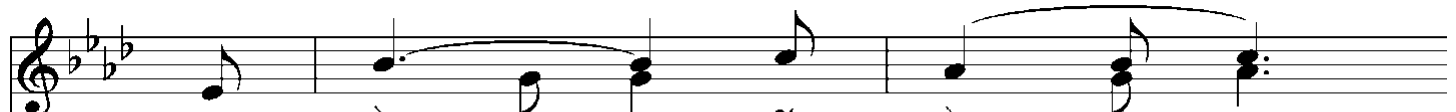
1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,



1. Call - ing for you and for me; ——— See, on the por - tals He's
2. Plead - ing for you and for me? ——— Why should we lin - ger and
3. Pass - ing for you and for me; ——— Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
4. Prom - ised for you and for me; ——— Though we have sinned, He has



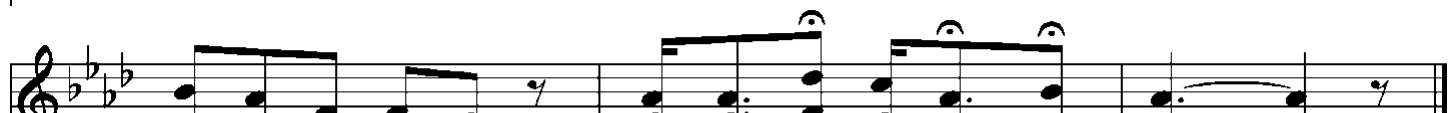
1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. ———
2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? ———
3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. ———
4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. ———



Come home, Come home, come home, come home,



Ye who are wea-ry, come home! ——— Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home! ———

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

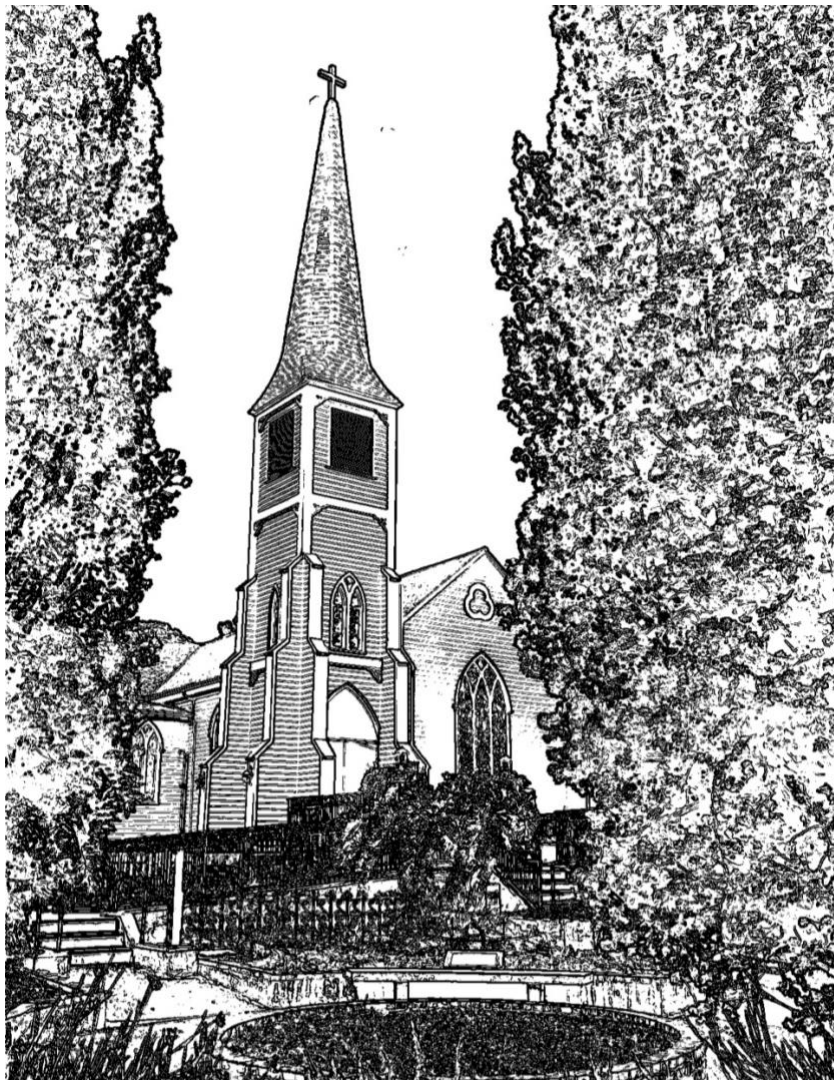
**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness 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: Shine Jesus Shine (A3 #142)**

*The following is sung, all standing*

**Verse 1:** Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Chorus:** Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the father's glory.  
Blaze, spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

**Verse 2:** Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

**Verse 3:** As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

## **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.

There's still time to turn in your 2025 pledge! Blank cards are available in the back of the church.

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## 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.

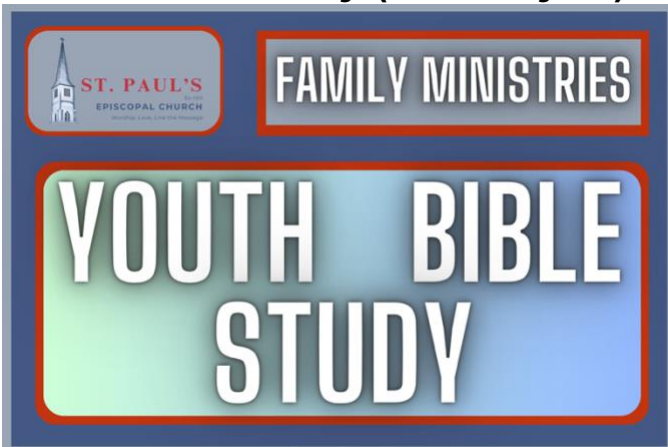


## 11/27: Wednesday Eucharist & Bible Study Cancelled

Eucharist & Bible Study on Wednesday has been cancelled due to the holiday.

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### 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!



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### 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+





## Wanted: Community Meal Donations- Frozen Turkeys & Fresh 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 fresh pies! The Community Meal Thanksgiving dinner will be on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Frozen Turkeys:* 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.



## 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](mailto: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, 9-2 Tues-Fri.

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## Commission for Intercultural Ministries (CIM), Episcopal Diocese of Northern California – Please join us!

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COMMISSION FOR  
INTERCULTURAL  
MINISTRIES

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<sup>st</sup>, 4 pm**, Zoom

EDNC: <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/site/Commission-on-Intercultural-Ministries/#tab-> For more information: [NorCalCIM@gmail.com](mailto:NorCalCIM@gmail.com)



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## 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.

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## 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



### Prayer Shawls Needed:

ATTENTION St. Paul's Knitters and Crocheters.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of shawls. The knitters and crocheters of St. Paul's have always been responsive and have created dozens of shawls, but our supply is low, and the need is always there. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know. This Ministry requires no meeting or deadlines for finishing what you choose to knit or crochet. For patterns, instructions and

more information please feel free to contact me at [jeanneabrown@gmail.com](mailto:jeanneabrown@gmail.com).

**There will be a short meeting in the St. Paul's Rectory on Nov. 24 between the services. Please come and get more information and ideas for this rewarding Ministry.**



### 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

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**The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.**

Please e-mail information to: [admin@stpaulsbenicia.org](mailto: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**

11/19 Donna Patey  
11/23 Rosanna Brown

**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](mailto:admin@stpaulsbenicia.org) for updates or additions



## SUNDAY 11/17: Proper 28

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 (P)  
 8 pm AA (P)

MONDAY- 11/18	TUESDAY- 11/19	WEDNESDAY- 11/20
9 am +Morning Prayer 10 am +Music Practice 4:30 pm Community 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 7 pm Vestry Meeting (U)	7am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 10 am +Communion 11 am Bible Study (P) 4:30 pm Community Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band
THURSDAY- 11/21	FRIDAY- 11/22	SATURDAY- 11/23
7am AA Meeting (P) 7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie 9 am +Morning Prayer	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 7 pm NA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (U)

## SUNDAY 11/24 - The Last Sunday after Pentecost

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)  
 10 am Prayer Shawl Meeting (R)  
 11 am +Communion  
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)  
 4 pm Meditation (P)  
 8 pm AA (P)

**KEY**

+ = Church  
 P = Parish Hall  
 U = Undercroft  
 R = Rectory  
 K = Kitchen

<b>SERVING THIS WEEK - November 17 2024</b>		
	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Celebrant	Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	Rev. Annie Mertz	
Deacon	Rev. Beth Gaines	Rev. Beth Gaines
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch	Cameron De Palma
Lector	Susan Owen	Martha Saldana-Wolf
Intercessor	TBD	Barbara Jewell
LEM	TBD	Barbara Jewell
Ushers	Dale Kilbourne & Jim Brown	David & Yann Jouvenot-Sells
Altar Guild	Robin Silver & Liz Stallings	
Flower Guild	Liz Stallings	
Office Angels	Dale Kilbourne	
Verger	Fred Railsback	

<b>Parish Leadership</b>		
<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Vestry</b>
<p><b>The Rev. Annie Mertz</b>, <i>Rector</i>  <b>The Rev. Beth Gaines</b>,  <i>Deacon</i>  <b>The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert</b>,  <i>Associate Priest</i>  <b>The Rev. Pamela Higgins</b>, <i>Associate Priest</i>  <b>The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder</b>,  <i>Associate Priest</i></p>	<p><b>Dr. Matthew Welch</b>, <i>Traditional Music Director</i>  <b>Eric Foster</b>, <i>Communications Director</i>  <b>Lisa Lannoy</b>, <i>Parish Administrator</i>  <b>Tim Markley</b>,  <i>Archivist</i></p>	<p><b>Jeff Jarvis</b>, <i>Senior Warden</i>  <b>Chris Prevolos</b>, <i>Junior Warden</i>  <b>Donna Marshall, Ed Curtis, Laura Peabody-Park, Jill Morris, Lisa Pena, Ann Lindsay, Gerri MacGregor</b></p>



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Benicia, California

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## **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**

<b>Community</b>	<b>Inclusion</b>	<b>The Message of Jesus Christ</b>	<b>Spiritual Growth</b>
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.