



ST. PAUL'S
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Worship, Love, Live the Message

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Benicia, CA

8:45 AM Worship for Sunday, November 17, 2024

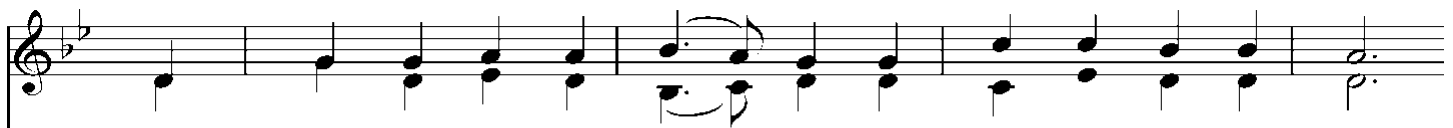
Eucharistic Prayer A

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Pentecost 26

ENTRANCE HYMN: (H 607) O God of Every Nation

All stand.



1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

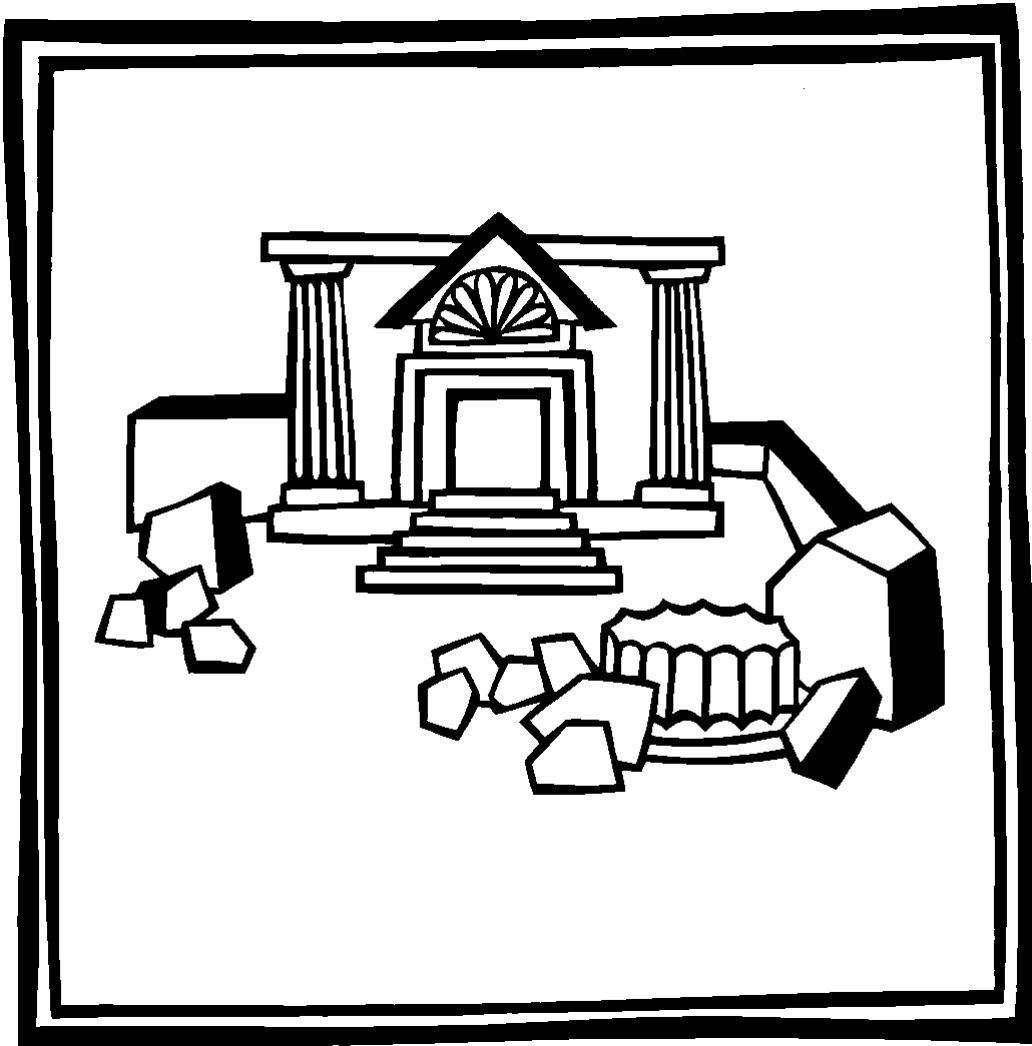
People: And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen

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.



GLORIA: (S 277) Glory To God

Canticle 20

The following is sung, all standing

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

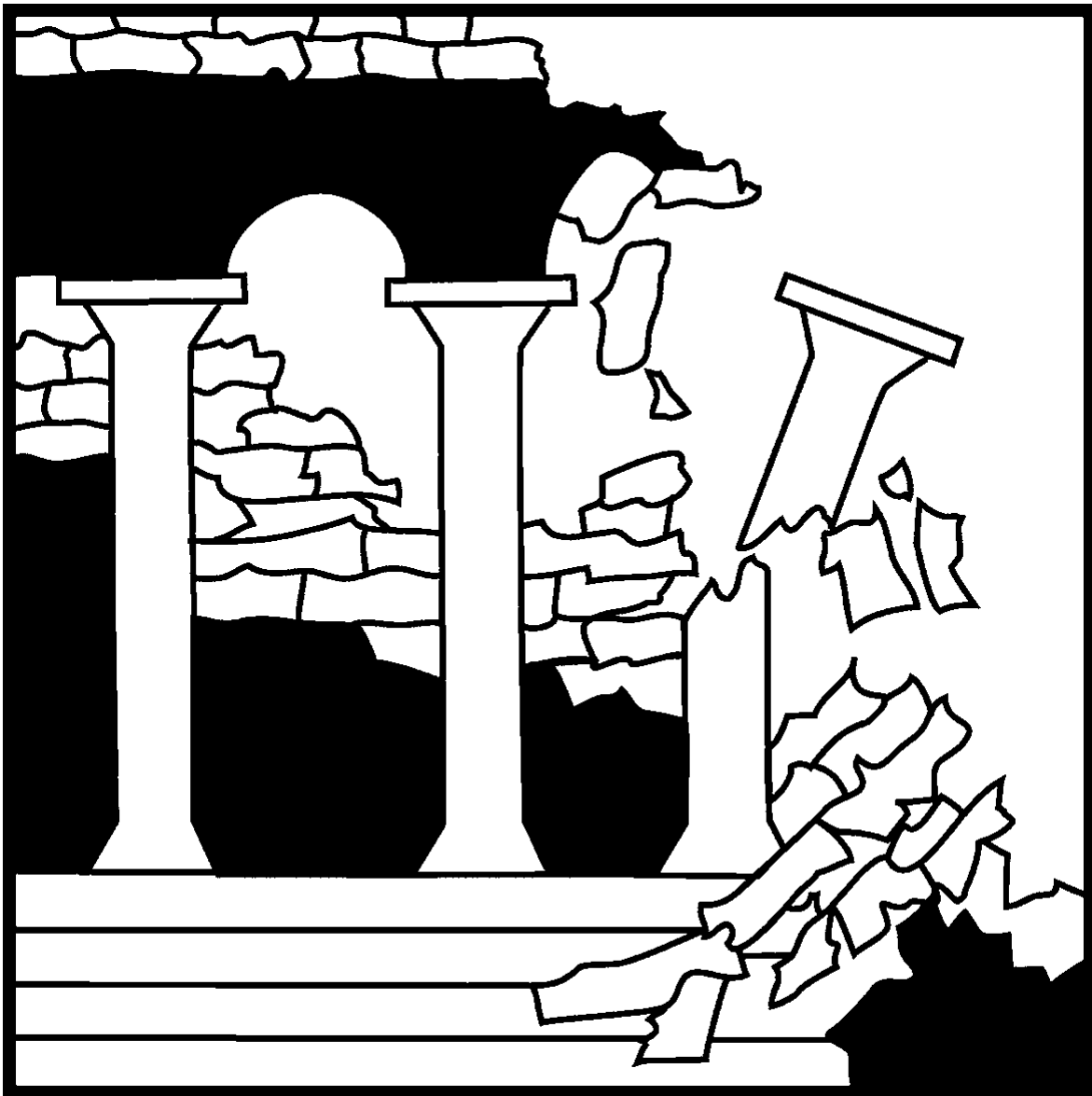
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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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.

⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷So 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. ⁸Her 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?”

⁹After 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. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She 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.”

¹²As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” ¹⁵But 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. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” ¹⁷Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” ¹⁸And 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.

¹⁹They 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. ²⁰In 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

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

¹⁶“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,”

¹⁷he also adds,

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

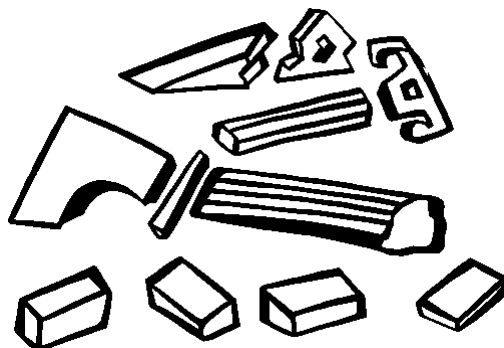
¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let 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. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not 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.**

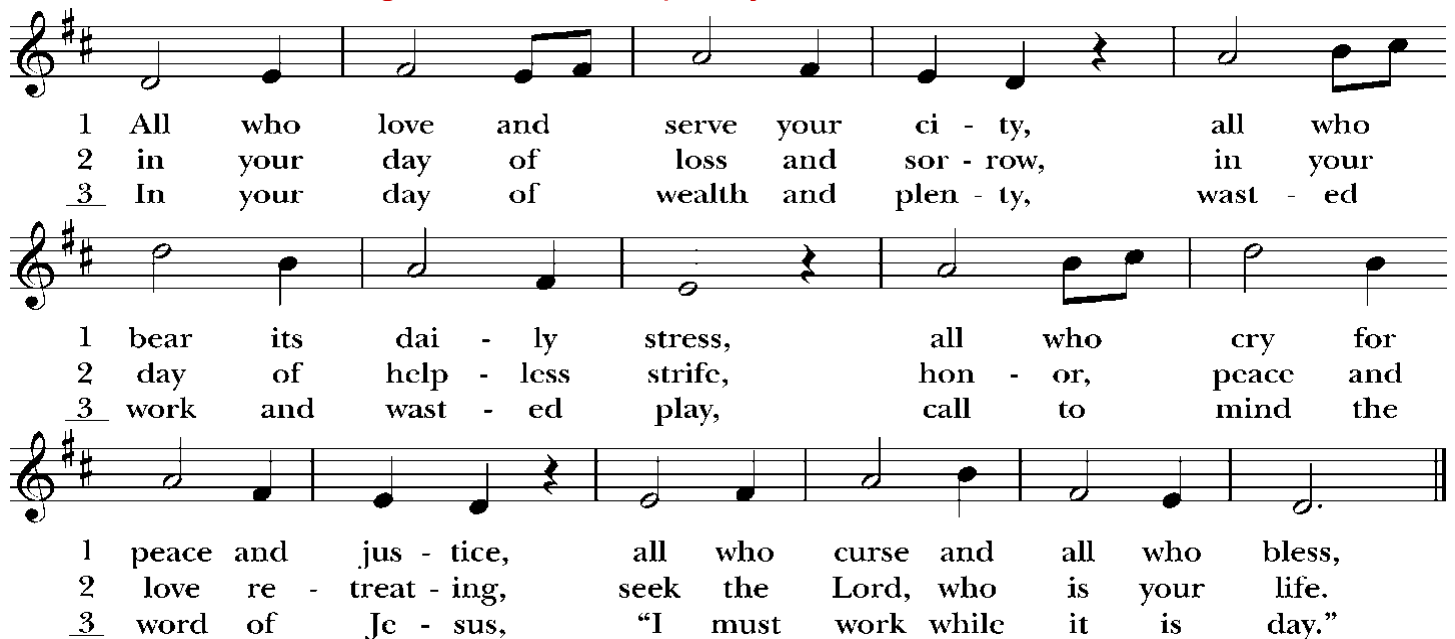
Silence may follow.



GOSPEL HYMN: (H 571) All Who Love and Serve Your City (Verses 1 – 3)

The following is sung, all standing

Verses 4 & 5 to be sung in the Post-Gospel Hymn



1 All who love and serve your ci - ty, all who
2 in your day of loss and sor - row, in your
3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed

1 bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
2 day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace and
3 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the

1 peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,
2 love re - treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.
3 word of Je - sus, "I must work while it is day."

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.**

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

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For 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: (H 571) All Who Love and Serve Your City (Verses 4 - 5)

The following is sung, all standing



4 For all days are days of judgment, and the
5 Ris - en Lord! shall yet the ci - ty be the



4 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
5 ci - ty of de - spair? Come to - day, our



4 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
5 Judge, our Glo - ry; be its name, "The Lord is there!"

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

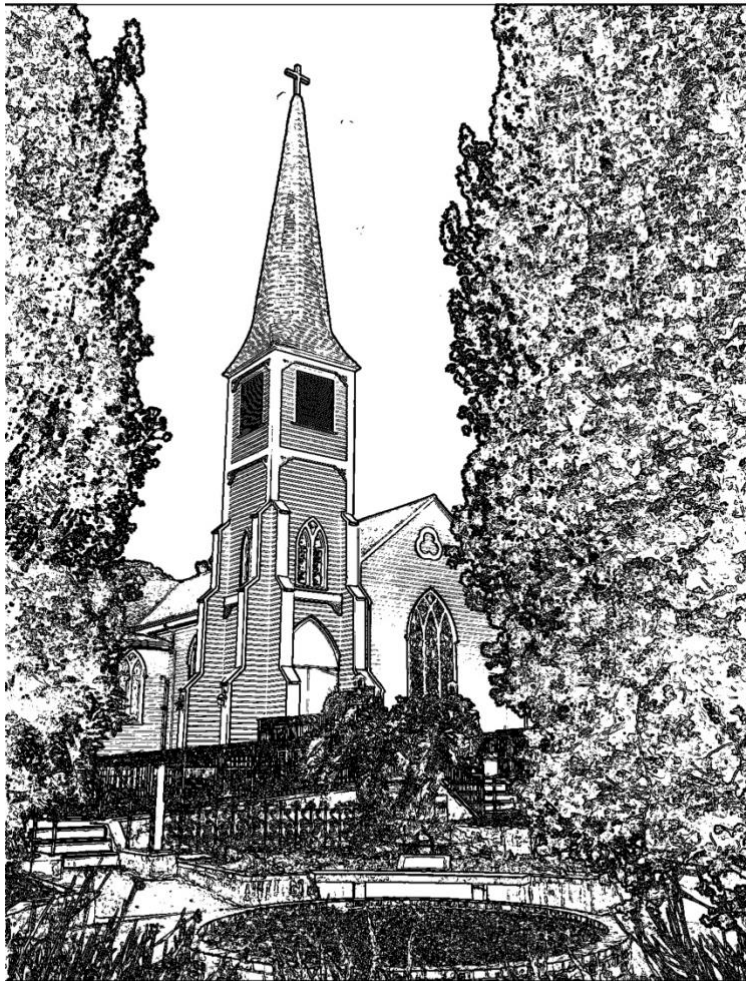
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRANSITIONS

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: (WLP 815) Jesus Said: The First Commandment is This

The following is sung

<i>Cantor</i>	<i>Choir (cantor)</i>	<i>The Congregation monotones on F throughout</i>
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Je - sus said: The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel,

The Lord our God is the on - ly Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

<i>Choir (cantor)</i>	<i>All</i>	
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The second is this: Love your neighbor as your - self.

There is no other com - mand - ment greater than these."

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

SURSUM CORDA: (S 120) Lift Up Your Hearts

The People remain standing.

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: The Body, The Blood

The following is sung

Refrain: The Body of Christ; The Blood of Christ

Dr. Matthew Welch

COMMUNION HYMN: (H 645) The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The following is sung



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

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 48) O Day of Radiant Gladness

The following is sung

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.
thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

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.

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

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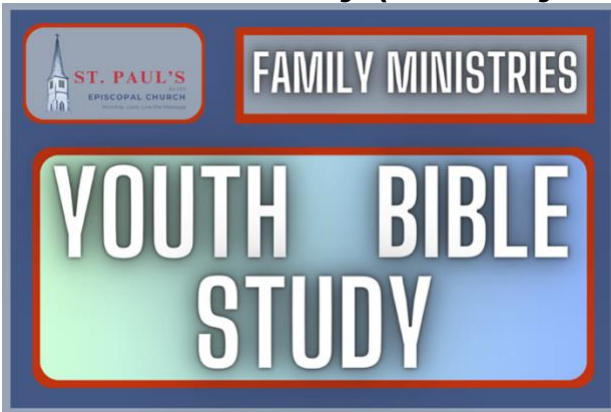
This year, the Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held at B'nai Isreal of Vallejo, 1256
Nebraska St.



11/27: Wednesday Eucharist & Bible Study Cancelled

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

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+



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 27th.

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!!

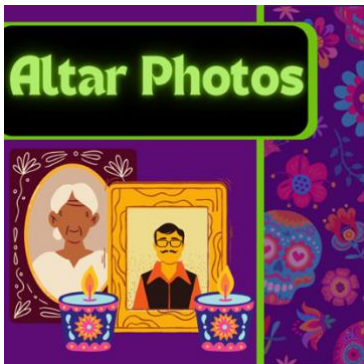
Coffee Hosts Needed

We still need volunteers to sign up to be Coffee Hour hosts in November & December. Please remember that beginning 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, 9-2 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 21st, 4 pm, Zoom**

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



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.

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.

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

One tap mobile +16699009128,,89062643237#,,,,*355908# US (San Jose)

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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

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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 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

SERVING THIS WEEK - November 17 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	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	

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



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.