



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 24, 2024

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

ENTRANCE HYMN: (H 48) O Day of Radiant Gladness

All stand.

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 night, 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.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

The people sit.

¹Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

²The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. ³The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, ⁴is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

⁵Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? ⁶But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; ⁷to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow

PSALM:

132:1-13 [14-19]

Remain seated.

¹LORD, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;

²How he swore an oath to the LORD *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

³“I will not come under the roof of my house, *
nor climb up into my bed;

⁴I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;

⁵Until I find a place for the LORD, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

⁶“The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

⁷Let us go to God’s dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”

⁸Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.

⁹Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.

¹⁰For your servant David’s sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

¹¹The LORD has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:

¹²“A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.

¹³If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

¹⁴For the LORD has chosen Zion; *
he has desired her for his habitation:

¹⁵“This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

¹⁶I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.

¹⁷I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

¹⁸There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

¹⁹As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine.”

SECOND READING:

Revelation 1:4b-8

Remain seated.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. **Amen.** ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. **Amen.** ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN: (H 494) Crown Him With Many Crowns

The following is sung, all standing

Verses 4 & 5 To be sung during the Post-Gospel Hymn

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

GOSPEL:

Mark 13:1-8

All stand

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

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

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

POST-GOSPEL HYMN: (H 494) Crown Him With Many Crowns

The following is sung, all standing

Verses 4 & 5 only

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en-throned a-bove;
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o-ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en-throned in worlds a-bove; Crown
crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.
4 once on earth, the in-car-nate Word, for ran-somed sin-ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown
Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an-gels sing their
5 him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown
fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.
4 songs be-fore him day and night, their God, Re-deem-er, King.
5 him, ye kings, with man-y crowns, for he is King of all.

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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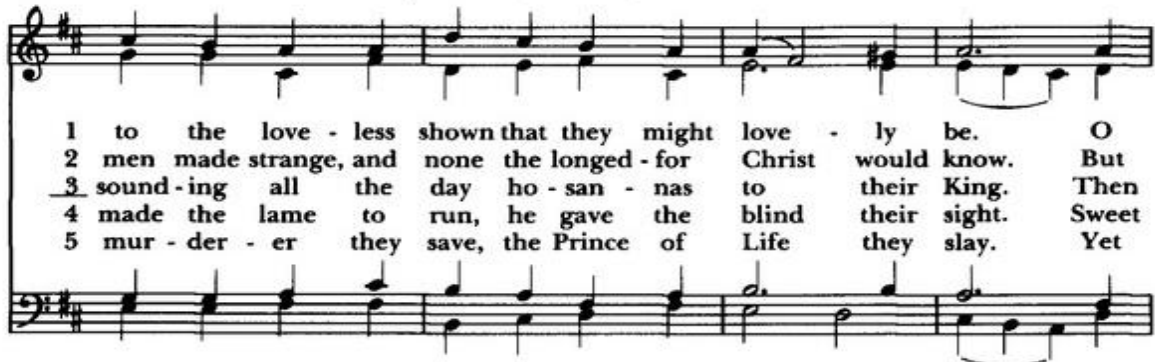


OFFERTORY HYMN: (H 458) My Song is Love Unknown

The following is sung



1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a



1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet



1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
5 stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine:
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.
Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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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,

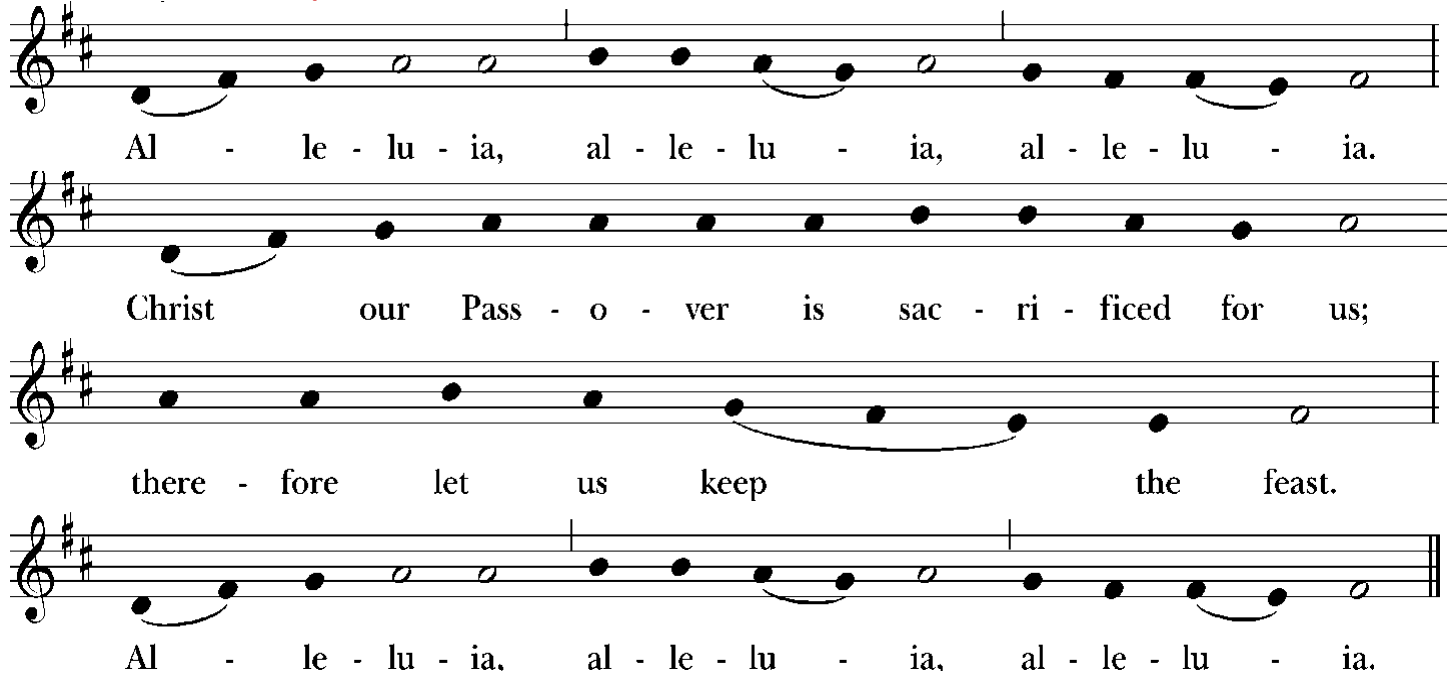
People and Celebrant

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: (H 324) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The following is sung



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

COMMUNION HYMN: (H 337) And now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

The following is sung

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

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 493) O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

The following is sung, all standing



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heav'n.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



The flowers today are
given in memory of my
husband's parents, Rita
& Lawrence Lindsay.

From: Ann Lindsay



The flowers today are
given in remembrance of
our baby daughter Olivia

From: Blanche Hilman
& Joe Brien

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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.

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

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

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

11/27: Wednesday Eucharist & Bible Study Cancelled



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

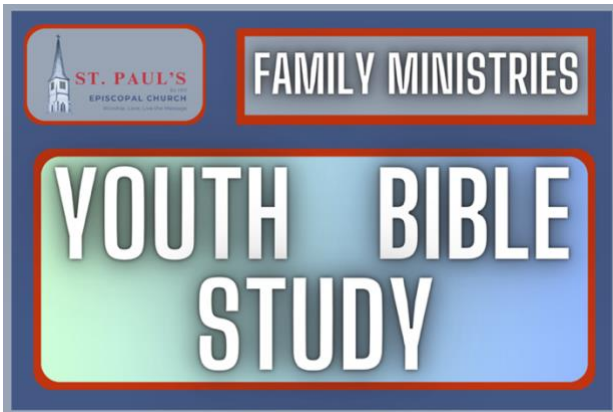
Sierra Service Project: Chili Dinner Fundraiser



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!!

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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Coffee Hosts Needed

We still need volunteers to sign up to be Coffee Hour hosts in December!

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.

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

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)

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The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.

Please e-mail information to: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org

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PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Jim Wolf
Carmen Montoya
Doyle Morris
James Carr
Ron McConlogue
Julia Padfield
Mark Park
Judith Mooney

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

11/27 Joe Brien

**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 11/24: 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)

MONDAY- 11/25	TUESDAY- 11/26	WEDNESDAY- 11/27
9 am +Morning Prayer 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 5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P) 7:30 pm Interfaith Service at B'nai Israel of Vallejo	7am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 10 am +Communion - Cancelled 11 am Bible Study (P) - Cancelled 4:30 pm Community Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band
THURSDAY- 11/28	FRIDAY- 11/29	SATURDAY- 11/30
Thanksgiving Holiday 7am AA Meeting (P) 7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie - Cancelled 9 am +Morning Prayer	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 7 pm NA Meeting (P) Note: The Parish Office will be Closed	7 am AA Meeting (U) 9 am BGN Fundraiser (P)

SUNDAY 12/1: First Sunday of Advent

KEY

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

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)

SERVING THIS WEEK - November 24, 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	Chris Ayles	Martha Saldana-Wolf
Intercessor	Jim Brown	Jim Wolf
LEM	Jim Brown	TBD
Ushers	Ellen & Bob Whitehead	Steve Rodekohr & Jeff Jarvis
Altar Guild	Cathy Cellini & Steve Rodekohr	
Flower Guild	Megan Klingensmith & Karen Lowe	
Office Angels	Sue Flor & Carole Johnson	
Verger	Jorge Pena	

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.