

St. Paul's Episcopal ChurchBenicia, CA

11:00 AM Worship for Sunday, November 3, 2024

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

All Saints' Sunday

ENTRANCE HYMN: (A3 #131) Open the Eyes of My Heart

All stand.

Verse 1: Open the eyes of my heart Lord,

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you. I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart. I want to see you. I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love, as we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy".

Ending: Holy, Holy, Holy;

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, I want to see you. The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

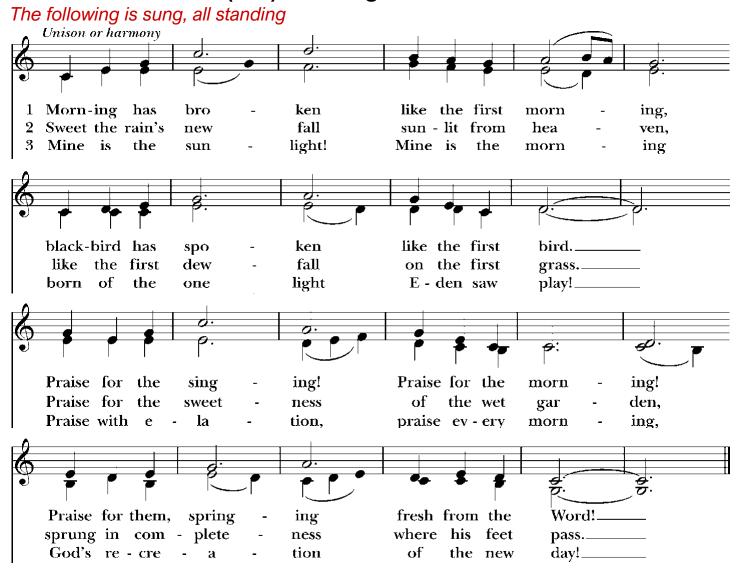
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Let us pray in unison

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.



HYMN OF PRAISE: (H 8) Morning Has Broken



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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Isaiah 25:6-9 FIRST READING:

The people sit.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 8he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

9It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Silence may follow

Psalm 24 **PSALM:**

Remain seated

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *

the world and all who dwell therein.

²For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

4"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

⁵They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, *

of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates;

lift them high, O everlasting doors; *

and the King of glory shall come in.

8"Who is this King of glory?" *

"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰"Who is he, this King of glory?" *

"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

SECOND READING:

Revelation 21:1-6a

The people sit.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a}Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

All stand

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jesus who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jesus said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON:

The Rev. Annie Mertz

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All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE BCP p. 360

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRANSITIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY HYMN: (H 293) I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

The following is sung



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

SURSUM CORDA:

The People remain standing.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

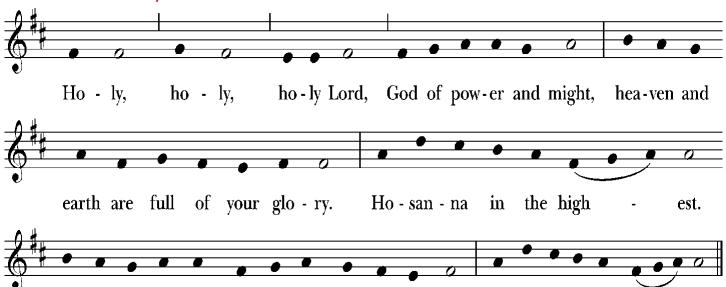
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS: (S 124) Holy, Holy, Holy

Celebrant and People



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

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The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

... Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine...

... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

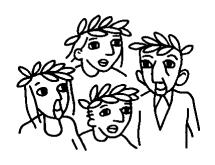
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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

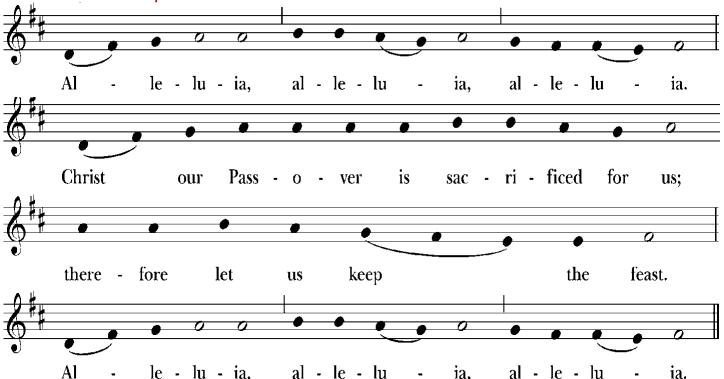
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



FRACTION ANTHEM: (S 154) Christ Our Passover





INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: (A3 #139) Seek Ye First

The following is sung

Verse 1: Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

Verse 2: Ask and it shall be given unto you;

Seek and ye shall find;

Knock and it shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Verse 3: We shall not live by bread alone,

But by ev'ry word that proceeds

From the mouth of God.

Allelu, alleluia!



COMMUNION HYMN: (A3 #69) I Am the Bread of Life

The following is sung

Verse 1: I am the bread of life.

They who come to me shall not hunger; they who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me, unless the Father draw them.

Refrain: And I will raise them up,

And I will raise them up,

And I will raise them up on the last day.

Verse 2: The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,

And they who eat of this bread, they shall live forever,

They shall live forever. (Refrain)

Verse 3: Unless you eat of the flesh of the son of man

And drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you

You shall not have life within you. (Refrain)

Verse 4: I am the resurrection, I am the life.

They who believe in me,

even if they die, they shall live forever. (Refrain)

Verse 5: Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,

the son of God, who has come into the world. (Refrain)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: (LEVAS 14) Soon, Very Soon

The following is sung

- Verse 1: Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!
- Verse 2: No more crying there, we are going to see the King! No more crying there, we are going to see the King! No more crying there, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!
- Verse 3: No more dying there, we are going to see the King! No more dying there, we are going to see the King! No more dying there, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!
- Verse 4: Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon we are going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!!

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

Interfaith Service



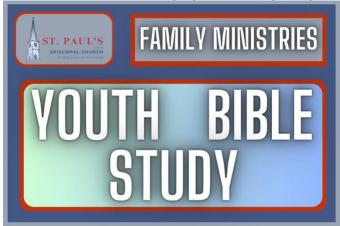
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 7:30 pm

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

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

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

Youth Bible Study (11 - 18 yrs.)



Sundays 10:00am

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

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

Coffee Hosts Needed



We still need volunteers to sign up to be Coffee Hour hosts in November & December. Please remember that beginning November 3rd we will go back to two services – so, we will have two coffee hours to host. There is a sign-up sheet to the left of the coffee pots under the Cross Wall in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions about what's required, there is an awesome reference guide in the binder next to the sign-up sheet or feel free to reach out to our Coffee Hour coordinators Barry &

Sally Cunningham at bcunningsb@gmail.com.

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



Flower Arranging Workshop

Class has been cancelled, please check again in the Spring!

Attention Ladies of St. Paul's! A Flower Arranging workshop is being considered as an upcoming women's activity (only if there is enough interest to do one). A minimum of 10 participants will be required. It will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, November 2 from 10 am to 12 pm. There will be a

cost of \$20 to cover supplies. If you are interested in participating, please contact Blanche Hilman by email @ bhilperson@comcast.net as soon as possible. Thank you!

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-

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

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.



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 THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Mary Brien

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Julia Padfield
Mark Park
Judith Mooney
Dixie Sellars
Barbara Sawyer
Tyler (Gerri's Grandson)

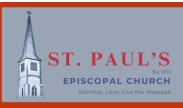
WE GIVE THANKS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11/5 Nathan Reid 11/6 Sue Hammond, Judith Judson-Baker 11/8 Gene Ekenstam

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 11/3: All Saints' Day

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

MONDAY- 11/4	TUESDAY- 11/5	WEDNESDAY- 11/6	
9 am +Morning Prayer 4:30 pm Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Jazz Band 8 pm AA Meeting (P)	7 am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P)	7am AA Meeting (P) 9 am +Morning Prayer 10 am +Communion 11 am Bible Study (P) 4:30 pm Meal (P) 7 pm +GVRD Symph Band	
THURSDAY- 11/7	FRIDAY- 11/8	SATURDAY- 11/9	
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) 9 am Wingfield Deanery Hub Meeting (P)	

SUNDAY 11/10 - Proper 27

KEY

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SERVING THIS WEEK - November 3, 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 Todd Peterson				
Lector	Chris Ayles	Marjorie Lowry			
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay	Barbara Jewell			
LEM	Mary Frances Kelly-Poh	Barbara Jewell			
Ushers	Katie McGovern & Chris Ayles	Martha Wolf & Steve Rodekohr			
Altar Guild	Eileen Fisk & Donna Patey				
Flower Guild	Blanche Hilman				
Office Angels	Jennifer Deal & Blaine Deal				
Verger	Leo Harrod				

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



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Benicia, California

MISSION

St. Paul's welcomes all people at any stage of their spiritual journey to worship together, care for the community, and live the message of Jesus Christ.

VISION

We strive to be an active, diverse, and welcoming community where people come together to worship and deepen their faith.

VALUES						
Community	Inclusion	The Message of Jesus Christ	Spiritual Growth			
We support our neighbors through service and compassion. We are a safe space and a supportive community where members are cared for by one another.	We are an inclusive community where people of all identities, backgrounds, and histories are welcome to find and continue their spiritual journey.	We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.	At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow, and strengthen one's faith at St.Paul's.			