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# WORSHIP BULLETIN:
# NOVEMBER 15, 2026 11:00 AM
**Holy Eucharist Rite II** **EOW III**

***Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

## ENTRANCE HYMN:

*The following is sung, all standing.*

**Living Water**

**Verse 1:**
This goes out to every outcast
To the just don't quite fit in
Every wrong way runaway rebel
So ashamed of where you've been
This goes out to every searcher
Trying to fill that empty space
Well you're searching days are over now
Everything's about to change
**Chorus:**
Come on down to the living water
Waves of mercy washing over you
No more strangers only sons and daughters
Come down to the living water
And rise up new
**Verse 2:**
Have you heard about a man named Jesus
He's the way the truth the life
Stretched out his arms on a rugged cross
And paid every sinner's price
So when you're tired of all your running
You don't have to run no more
You can leave it all behind you
Just believe and be reborn
**Bridge:**
Oh this is your invitation
Oh no more lost and alone
Oh this is your invitation
Hear your Father saying
Welcome home
See that cross up on the steeple
Hear that sweet forgiveness song
Come and join the Jesus people
This is where your heart belongs

## OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
**People: Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE:

*The following is sung, all standing.*

**Glory to God**
Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right
hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
**Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p. 254

Celebrant: God 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.**

## FIRST READING: Judges 4:1-7

*The people sit.*

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.
At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

## PSALM: Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, *
**to you enthroned in the heavens.**
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
**and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
**until he show us his mercy.**
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
**for we have had more than enough of contempt,**
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
**and of the derision of the proud.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL HYMN:

*The following is sung*

**(A3 131) Open the Eyes of My Heart**

**Chorus:**
Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you.
**(Repeat)**

**Verse:**
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"

**Bridge:**
Holy, Holy, Holy; Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy, I want to see you.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

*All stand.*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord
**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

*Please refer to Gospel Hymn*

## THE SERMON: Jim Peterson

## THE CREED: BCP p. 358

*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: EOW p. 56

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION:

## THE PEACE: BCP p. 360

*All stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of Christ 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:

**Stewardship:** Thank you for sharing your gifts with St. Paul's! There's still time to pledge. Pledge cards are available at the back of the church.

**Bingo:** Bring a friend to Bingo on Sat., Nov. 21, 3–5 pm, in the Parish Hall! See announcements for further details.

**Thanksgiving Community Meal:** Help make our meal special with donations of ready-to-serve pies and $5 or $10 Safeway gift cards. Pies are due by noon on Wed., Nov. 25.

**SSP Chili Dinner:** Join us Fri., Dec. 4, 5:30–7:30 pm, for our annual Chili Dinner Fundraiser. Tickets are on sale at both coffee hours today through Nov. 29.

**Día De Muertos Photos:** Photos from our service are available for pickup at the back of the church today or in the Rectory Tues.–Fri., 10 am-4pm.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & 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: BCP p. 376

## OFFERTORY HYMN:

*The following is sung*

**Jesus Built A Bridge To Heaven**
Composed by: Rhonda Vincent

**Chorus:**
Jesus built a bridge to Heaven.
A mighty, mighty bridge to Heaven.
Jesus built a bridge to Heaven,
With three nails, and two cross-ties.

**Verse 1:**
Took His people by the hand.
Led them 'cross that barren land.
Pharaoh chased them night and day,
But the angel of the Lord kept him away.
**(Chorus)**

**Verse 2:**
A humble carpenter by trade.
You'll know him by the works he made.
No towers of stone, nor works of steel,
But a wooden cross on a wind swept hill.
**(Chorus)**

**Verse 3:**
No boulevard, no avenue.
Not a road by man can carry you.
A highway built by hands unseen,
To that city of gold for eternity.
**(Chorus x3)**

## SURSUM CORDA: BCP p. 361

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God. . . And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## SANCTUS:

*Celebrant and people*

**Americana Hosanna**
Composed by: Cameron DePalma

**Chorus:**
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your praises.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
*The celebrant continues...*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION & PRAYER CONCLUSION

. . . And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**
**Rising, you restored our life.**
**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*
. . . by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People*
**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER: BCP p. 363

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.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM:

*The following is sung.*

**We Break This Bread**
Composed by: Cameron DePalma

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are now of one body,
for here we all share in the one bread.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

All are welcome to come forward for communion. If you're new to the sacrament, please reference the card in the pews with more information. The bread is given with the words, 'The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.' The wine is given with the words, 'The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.'

## COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

**(A3 201) Eat This Bread**

**Refrain:**
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

## COMMUNION HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

**Come Ye Disconsolate**

**Verse 1:**
Come ye disconsolate
Where'er ye languish
Come to the mercy seat
Fervently kneel
Here bring your wounded hearts
Here tell your anguish
Earth has no sorrow
That heav'n cannot heal

**Verse 2:**
Joy of the desolate
Light of the straying
Hope of the penitent
Fadeless and pure
Here speaks the Comforter
Tenderly saying
Earth has no sorrow
That heav'n cannot cure

**Verse 3:**
Here see the bread of life
See the waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God
Pure from above
Come to the feast of love
Come ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow
But heav'n can remove

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: EOW p. 70

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us**

**in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## SUNG BENEDICTION:

*The following is sung.*

**Life is Short**
Words by: Henri Frederic Amiel
Music by: Cameron DePalma

Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So... be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever.
A—MEN

## BLESSING:

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

**I Saw the Light**

**Verse 1:**
I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Chorus:**
I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

**Verse 2:**
Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light
**(Chorus)**

**Verse 3:**
I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light
**(Chorus)**

## DISMISSAL:

*The Celebrant will dismiss the people*

**People: Thanks be to God.**



# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!**

*** BINGO is back this Fall - Sat, Nov. 21, 3-5 pm. See announcements for details & sign-ups.**

*** Wanted: Gift Cards & Pies for Thanksgiving Community Meal – Weds., Nov. 25 – see announcements for details.**

***SSP Chili Dinner: Fri., Dec. 4, 5:30–7:30 pm. Tickets are on sale at both coffee hours today through Nov. 29.**

*The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.*
E-mail: admin@stpaulsbenicia.org Phone: (707) 745-0307

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## WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

**Sue Hammond**
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**Regina Williams**
**Michelle Ellett**
**Marty & Sue Kovach**
**Mark Stafforini**
**David Michael**
**Marta Kinney**
**Donna Lawson**
**Laura Peadbody-Park**
**Jim Jewell**
**Jim Turner**
**Jack Carr**
**Dick Bryan**
**John**
**David Gibbs**
**John Helm**
**Lolli Hilton**
**Norma Cook**
**Mark Park**
**Cathy W.**
**Art Patey**
**Erik C.**
**Scott Yang**
**Bryce Philips**

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

**Rick Langford**
**Julie Weihe**

## WE PRAY 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
**Airman 1st Class Nevaeh Jarvis,** U.S. Air Force
**Captain Greg Arnold,** U.S. Navy

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**11/15 Mason Welch-Lueck**
**11/19 Donna Patey**
**11/21 Ripley Smead**

## SERVING THIS WEEK:

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|---|---|---|
| **Celebrant** | The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder / The Rev. Annie Mertz | |
| **Preacher** | Jim Peterson | |
| | **8:45 AM** | **11:00 AM** |
| **Music** | John Partridge | Cameron DePalma |
| **Lector** | Karen Lowe | Carole Johnson |
| **Intercessor** | Jim Brown | Donna Patey |
| **LEM** | Jim Brown & TBD | Donna Patey & Jim Wolf |
| **Shared Prayers** | | |
| **Ushers** | Dale & Charlie Kilbourne | Barry Cunningham & Brandon Bailey |
| **Altar Guild** | Kim Rodekohr & Robin Silver | |
| **Flower Guild** | Robyn Peterson | |
| **Verger** | Joe Brien | |
| **Coffee Hour** | Barry & Sally Cunningham & Pam Gardner | |

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

**CLERGY:**
**The Rev. Annie Mertz**, Rector
**The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder**, Associate Priest

**STAFF:**
John Partridge, Traditional Music Director
Cameron DePalma, Contemporary Music Director
Eric Foster, Communications Director
Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator
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Kylie Lazarek, Nursery Staff
Heather Pritchard, Nursery Staff

**VESTRY:**
Ann Lindsay, Senior Warden
Richard Padfield, Junior Warden
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Charlie Kilbourne, Gerri MacGregor, Jim Peterson, Brandon Bailey, Kathryn Gojack, Megan Klingensmith, Michelle Fitzgerald

**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:**
We support our neighbors through service & compassion. We are a safe space & a supportive community where members are cared for by one another.

**INCLUSION:**
We are an inclusive community where people of all identities, backgrounds & histories are welcome to find & continue their spiritual journey.

**THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST:**
We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH:**
At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow & strengthen one's faith at St. Paul's.

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.

# CALENDAR

## The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost




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

### MONDAY: 11/16

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
8 pm AA Meeting (P)

### TUESDAY: 11/17

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
1 - 2:30 pm +Organ Practice
6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (U)

### WEDNESDAY: 11/18

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
10 am +Communion
11 am Bible Study (L)
4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
7 pm BAFC Meeting (U)

### THURSDAY: 11/19

7 am AA Meeting (P)
7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie
9 am +Morning Prayer
2:30 - 4:30 pm +Bagpipe Practice
6:30 - 8:30 pm +Choir Practice

### FRIDAY: 11/20

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting (U)
7- 9 pm NA Meeting (P)

### SATURDAY: 11/21

7 am AA Meeting (U)
7 am Men's Meeting (R)

Bingo is Back!
3 - 5pm St. Paul's Parish Hall

## The Last Sunday after Pentecost - Christ the King




**6:30 am AA Meeting (U)**
**8:30 am - 12:30 pm Nursery Hours (U)**
**8:45 am +Communion**
**10 am Coffee Hour (P)**
**10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) & Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)**
**11 am +Communion**
**12 pm Worship Team Training (after the 11 am service)**
**12 pm Coffee Hour (P)**
**8 pm AA (P)**

**KEY**

**+** = CHURCH
**P** = PARISH HALL
**U** = UNDERCROFT
**R** = RECTORY
**K** = KITCHEN
**L** = RECTORY LIBRARY
**O** = OUTDOORS