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WORSHIP BULLETIN:
NOVEMBER 15, 2026 8:45 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II **Prayer B**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE:

Instrumental

Melodie
Composed by: Jules Massenet

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 598) Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth

OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355

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.

GLORIA:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(S 278) Glory To God

COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p. 357

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

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 312) Strengthen For Service, Lord

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:

Instrumental

Improvisation
Composed by: John Partridge

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: BCP p. 360

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.

ABSOLUTION:

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:

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 ANTHEM:

The following is sung by the choir only.

Come Share the Lord
Composed by: Bryan Leech

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 547) Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death

SURSUM CORDA: BCP p. 367

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

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS:

Celebrant and people
Please refer to your hymnal.

(S 130) Holy Holy Holy

The Celebrant continues...

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(S 152) Christ Our Passover

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 SOLO:

Instrumental

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Composed by: Kathleen Thomerson

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 574) Before thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: BCP p. 366

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.

BLESSING:

The Celebrant blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 680) O God, Our Help in Ages Past.

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Instrumental

Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag
Composed by: Johann Gottfied Walther



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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Regina Williams
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Mark Stafforini
David Michael
Marta Kinney
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Laura Peadbody-Park
Jim Jewell
Jim Turner
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Dick Bryan
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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
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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:

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
Tim Markley, Archivist
Kylie Lazarek, Nursery Staff
Heather Pritchard, Nursery Staff

VESTRY:
Ann Lindsay, Senior Warden
Richard Padfield, Junior Warden
Donna Patey, Treasurer
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