

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jan 22, 2023



"COME, FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL SEND
YOU OUT TO FISH
FOR PEOPLE."

MATTHEW 4:19, NIV



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Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn #607 God of every nation

Introductory Rite

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

All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Notes

- ◇ The Salvation Army commodities program at the church is in need of paper & plastic shopping bags. Please bring them to church on any Sunday or drop them off at the office any Monday from 9-12.
- ◇ The Annual Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall immediately following the service today. Along with an opportunity to review the budget for 2023 and hear reports from the previous year, we have two very important tasks to complete at the meeting. The first will be to nominate and elect three delegates and two alternates to represent St. Paul's at the Diocesan Convention to be held in-person at ECCO on November 10 – 11, 2023. The second is to elect four new representatives to serve a 3-year term on the vestry.
- ◇ Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper and Talent Show will be on Feb 21st. If you have a talent that you wish to share, please contact Chuck Sheaffer.
- ◇ Tai Chi continues to meet in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9 to 10.
- ◇ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday



If you are interested in singing in the choir or ringing bells please contact Chuck Sheaffer. We would love to have you join us!

Choir rehearsals are beginning again on Sunday mornings before the service, at 9:15.

We need more people to ring bells before we can start bell choir rehearsals.

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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
⁵ One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
⁶ To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
⁸ Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
⁹ Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation

My prayer is that we may all be well served and may serve well in the days and years to come at St. Paul's. I would like to be part of that service.

Victoria Winchester

I have been marked for 36 years, have 3 children, and 6 grandchildren. I'm retired from Frito Lay after 23 years. I became a member of St. Paul's two years ago. I have never felt so comfortable in a church before. The fact that St. Paul's is so accepting of everyone is very humbling. This is all very new to me, but very exciting. I feel like God brought me to you for many reasons, most of all to be his servant and to learn as much as possible about the religion that I've grown to love.

January Ministry Schedule

	Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29
Clergy Homily	Fr. Dondi	Dcn. Greg Morn. Prayer	Rev. Lyn	Fr. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Dcn. Greg
Acolytes	Claudine	Judy T Jim P	Nancy S Claudine	Judy T Jim P	Nancy S Claudine
Lectors	Sarah H Judy T	Nancy S Annamary	Barbara V Judy T	Eric G Ann M	Judy T Steph HW
Intercessor	Carolyn L	Roberta B	Judy T	Brandi A	Linda L
Greeters	Phil M William S	Sarah H Eric G	Phil M Luis I	Carolyn L William S	Sarah H Joyce B
Vestry Rep	Carolyn L	Roberta B	Judy T	Brandi A	Linda L

Biographies of Members Running for St. Paul's Vestry

Sarah Hartmann

I'm Sarah Hartmann and I have been a member of St. Paul's Modesto for the past 5 years. I grew up in the Presbyterian church but have been an Episcopalian since I was 25. I love the Episcopal Church because it helps us remember to love people and use things, not the other way around. At St. Paul's, I am part of the Eucharistic Visitors ministry and the Greeters ministry. I co-chaired the 2022 Stewardship Campaign, attend morning prayer on Zoom each Wednesday, and started the Jump Start your Sunday ministry on Zoom. I also enjoy and am slowly learning from the Knit One, Pray Too group. I love interacting and supporting our neighbors through the monthly Commodities distribution. I want to serve on the vestry because I want to help St. Paul's Modesto keep doing the good work we're doing and find ways to do even more to serve our community in God's name.

Chuck Sheaffer

My family and I have been members of St. Paul's for over 30 years. I have been the Music Minister at St. Paul's for over 15 years. As a public school teacher, I worked for Modesto City Schools for 30 years as an instrumental and vocal music teacher, teaching students from 3rd to 12th grade. I am also a retired Chief from the U. S. Navy Reserves having served for 22 years.

Nancy Neufield Silva

It seems a challenging and interesting time to be a Vestry member at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Modesto. We are in transition, between rectors, and I would like to be a part of this exciting time in a new way.

I joined the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of San Joaquin in 1975. I have been a member of St. Luke's, Merced; St. Mark's Cathedral, Utah; and Christ the King, Riverbank. I have sung in the choirs, served at the altar as an acolyte and eucharistic minister, and served on the vestry and as senior warden, once.

with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *

have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

¹² Hide not your face from me, *

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³ You have been my helper;

cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn # 660 O master let me walk with thee

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Father Dondi



Prayer and Praise

as of 1-16-2023

- ◆ Christine Judd is still in the hospital in terrible pain and has an infection throughout her body. Please pray for healing, comfort and strength and for the wisdom of her Doctors and family when making decisions about her future care.
- ◆ Pray for strength, comfort and healing for Deacon Amy Larson as she recovers from illness.
- ◆ Please pray for Jean, a friend of Sarah Hartman who is having open heart surgery the first part of January.
- ◆ Praise & Thanksgiving, Carol Collier's operation was a success and she returned home Friday. Amen! please continue to pray for healing.
- ◆ Please continue to pray for healing for Keith and Ginny Munroe.
- ◆ Please pray for healing, comfort and peace for Jeanette Comegys.
- ◆ Continued healing for Rj.
- ◆ Phil Machado is doing a lot better! Amen! He wants to thank all of you that prayed for him.
- ◆ Please pray for our Vestry and the new members elect on the 22nd.
- ◆ Please pray for those who maybe alone or struggling in some way.



The chart to sign up for flowers for 2023 is in the narthex. Now is your chance to sign-up for the dates you want before they are taken.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The blessing is bestowed.

Recessional Hymn #530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Celebrant: Alleluia, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude:

Chuck Sheaffer

The Nicene Creed

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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 worshipped 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

The Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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 Rite of Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Wedding Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dem - er, re - deem - er, of the
world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn Levas # 151 One bread, one body

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. Amen.

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-owed be thy Name, Thy king-dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us,
as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from
e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
glo-ry for-ev-er. A-men

and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

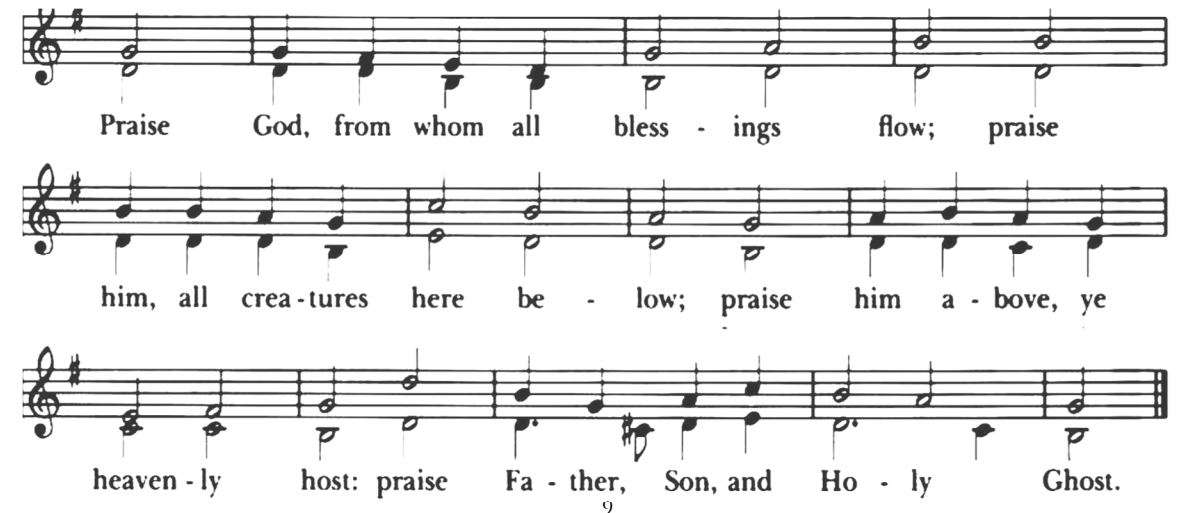
O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Hymn WLP #758 You have come down to the lakeshore

(See insert)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye
heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*: Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,