Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1528 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA 95355 - (209) 522-3267 www.saintpaulsmodesto.org The First Sunday in Lent Feb 26, 2023



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. Prelude

Enter in silence

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. All: His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

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Deacon or Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not steal.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews* 4:14,16

Celebrant or Deacon: 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: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

All: Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy

Celebrant: The lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 32

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
- ² Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt. ⁶ I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. ⁸ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance. ⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye. ¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." ¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. ¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

New Testament Reading

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one

man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 149 Eternal Lord of love

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Deacon Greg Masztal

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

Prayers of the People

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 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 Choral Anthem: Seek and You Will Find

Natalie Sleeth

The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

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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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

Sanctus



Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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, according to his command, O Father:

All: We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.

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.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Mary, Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**.

Celebrant: Let us pray with confidence to God our Father, in the words the Lord Jesus gave us.



The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.



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 # 317 This is the hour of banquet and song

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.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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.

Celebrant: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. *The blessing is bestowed.*

Recessional Hymn # 448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Chuck Sheaffer



Prayer and Praise as of 2-20-2023

• Please pray for Sharon Andrews' son and daughter-in-law for healing, comfort, guid-ance and strength.

• Please pray for healing and comfort for Rebecca, a friend of Eric Sheaffer.

- Please pray for David West's continued healing.
- Pray for David McKinsey (friend of David West) he is having a serious heart issue and needs prayers for healing, guidance and strength.
- Vickie Diaz is asking for prayers for healing, strength and comfort.
- Please pray healing, strength, comfort and peace for Niniv Tamimi
- Continue to pray for healing and comfort for the Monroe's.
- Pray for healing for Claudine Romegialli. May the reason for her failing health be found and treatment started. Prayers for strength, healing and comfort.
- Prayers for continued healing for Jean, Sarah Hartmann's friend.
- Pray for strength, comfort and healing for Deacon Amy Larson.
- Continue prayers for healing for Rj.
- Continue prayers for Carol Collier for healing, comfort and peace.
- Update: Christine Judd is still receiving infusions of antibiotics. Prayers for healing, courage, strength and peace.
- Please pray for those who may be alone or struggling in someway.
- Please pray for our Vestry.
- Continued prayers for the search committee.

If you have any prayers, praises or updates you would like added, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 209-522-3267.



Support Needed for EYE23

Our youth are the future of the Church, and what better way to encourage their Christian call than to send them to the 2023 Episcopal Youth Event! This life-giving conference only happens once every three years and it's been a while since we've had the opportunity to send a delegation from our diocese.

We need your help to make this dream a reality! Due to the cost of airfare, lodging, and programming, most of our youth will need financial assistance to attend.

Here's how you can help:

Support Fundraising Events. We are asking interested youth and their parishes to work hand-in-hand on fundraising. Throughout the next few months, be on the lookout for congregational bake sales, t-shirt campaigns or any other creative ways our youth decide to raise money for their EYE23 experiences.

Sponsor a youth. Individuals and congregations can make donations in any amount online or by check. Every \$1,200 we raise can cover the entirety of one child's expenses. If you are donating online, be sure to write "EYE23 Support" in the comments section. If you're mailing a check, please make it out to the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin and write "EYE23 Support" in the memo. Checks can be mailed to the diocesan office at 4147 E Dakota AVE, Fresno, CA 93726

Share! Share! Share! Share this info on social media. Publish it in the church bulletin. Tie little notes to the pigeons that frequent your neighborhood (don't). The youth of our Church need our support as they grow into everything that God has called them to be, and this is our opportunity to show them that they're not doing it alone!

Many thanks! If you have any questions about supporting youth delegates for EYE23, please reach out to Natalie Klopfenstein at nklopfenstein@outlook.com

	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26	
Clergy	Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn	
Homily	Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn	Dcn. Greg	
Acolytes	Nancy S	Jim P	Nancy S	Judy T	
	Judy T	Annamary	Claudine	Claudine	
Lectors	Steph HW	Sarah H	Barbara V	Steph G	
	Ann M	Nancy S	Judy T	Barbara V	
Intercessor	Carolyn L	Victoria W	Roberta B	Nancy S	
Greeters &	Phil M	Sarah H	Phil M	Sarah H	
Ushers	Linda L	Carolyn L	Linda L	Carolyn L	
Vestry Rep	Carolyn L	Victoria W	Barbara V	Nancy S	

February Ministry Schedule

March Ministry Schedule

	Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 26
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Dcn. Greg
Acolytes	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Jim P Annamary
Lectors	Judy T Steph G	Ann M Linda L	Ann M Steph HW	Nancy S Barbara V
Intercessor	Sarah H	Judy T	Brandi A	Linda L
Greeters & Ushers	Phil M Carolyn L	Sarah H Vickie W Kevin W	Phil M Carolyn L	Sarah H Vickie W Kevin W
Vestry Rep	Sarah H	Judy T	Brandi A	Linda L

Meetings, News and Needs

- Book Study Rex Adamson will be hosting a weekly book study during Lent to examine the instruction of Christ given in the Gospel of Matthew to, "Go and make disciples of all nations...". The discussions will center around the book, <u>Is The Commission Still Great</u> by Steve Richardson. The study will be at the home of Rex and Yvonne Adamson, Thursday evenings, 7-8:30, February 23, March 2, 9, 16, and 23. The book will be provided for free and registration is required. Call Rex at 209-595-4935 to register and for full details.
- Or There is a parish member living in the Coffee & Sunrise area who needs a ride to church on Sunday mornings. Please call Jeni if you can help.
- 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.
- ♦ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9 to 10.
- ◊ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon.
- BINGO Mark your calendar on March 24th at 6:30 pm for an evening of *Bingo!* Invite your friends for an evening of fun for all ages!
- Paint and Succulents Day Want to create something beautiful for all seasons? Need help or encouragement with painting and planting? In June come paint a flower pot guided by a local artist and fill it with lovely succulent plants while learning about them. All materials will be included to decorate the pot and finish it with a variety of plants. More details to come, including the date and time.



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for someone to volunteer to run the live streaming of our service on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Bell at 215-275-6502.



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.

Note: There are no flowers during Lent.

Recycling at St. Paul's

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum cans and CA redeemable plastic will be placed in front of the church entrance. Please **rinse and drain** your CREATION CARE

recyclable plastic and aluminum cans before putting them in the bins. The money from recycling will go to fund "Creation Care" projects.

Beyer Patriot Robotics Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Friday March 3rd from 5:00 pm to 8:30pm. Eat-in or pickup to-go between 5:00 and 8:00 Auction will close between 8:00 and 8:30. Buy it now auction items will also be available St. Paul's Church Parish Hall Tickets are \$15 and can be bought from any robotics student or from the web page link below. <u>https://gofan.co/p/7916FD9D9676B6DE3F70607C43F2A53F</u> Ticket includes pasta, salad, bread, dessert & drink. Beer and wine will be available for purchase on-site.



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Brandi Anderson, Roberta Bearden, Sarah Hartmann, Carolyn List, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva, Judy Teter and Vickie Winchester

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry) Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List





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