## Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2023

THEN

their eyes were

OPENED

and they recognized

HIM.

#### **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.

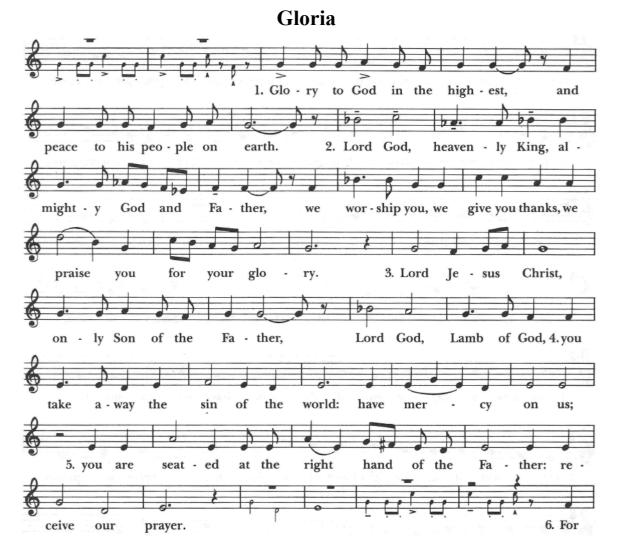
#### The Entrance Rite

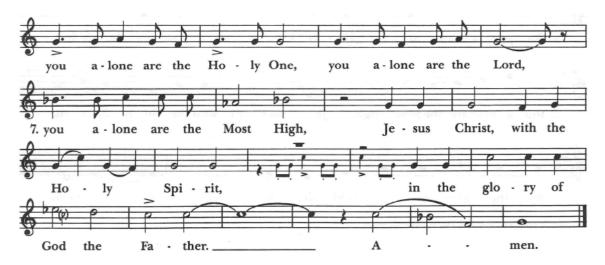
Prelude Chuck Sheaffer

#### Processional Hymn #17296 We know that Christ is raised

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord is Risen!

All: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!





Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you Celebrant: Let us Pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen** 

#### The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>1414</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, <sup>36</sup>"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were

baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### The Psalm

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \* because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

<sup>2</sup> The cords of death entangled me;

the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*

I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>3</sup> Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*

"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

<sup>10</sup> How shall I repay the Lord \*

for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*

and call upon the Name of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \* in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \* is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup> O Lord, I am your servant; \*

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>15</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \* and call upon the Name of the Lord.

<sup>16</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*

in the presence of all his people,

<sup>17</sup> In the courts of the Lord'S house, \* in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

#### The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. <sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn #204 Now the green blade riseth

#### The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before

God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Homily

Rev. Kathie Galicia

#### 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 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.

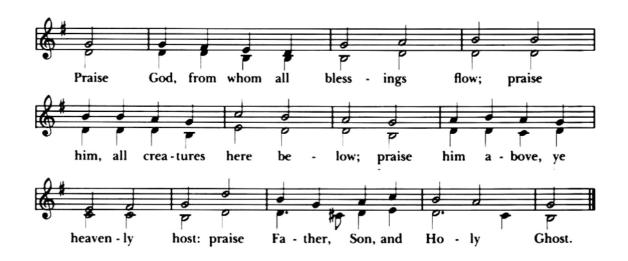
#### **Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism**

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 Hymn Levas # 43 Because He lives



# The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP page 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

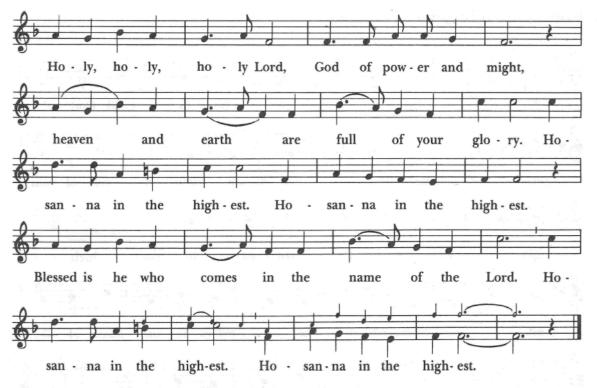
**People: And also with you.** Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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



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

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father, in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of us all.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

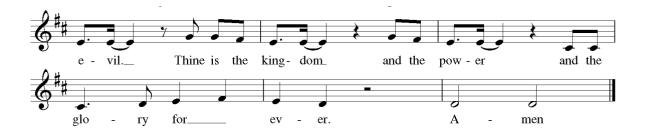
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

#### All: Amen

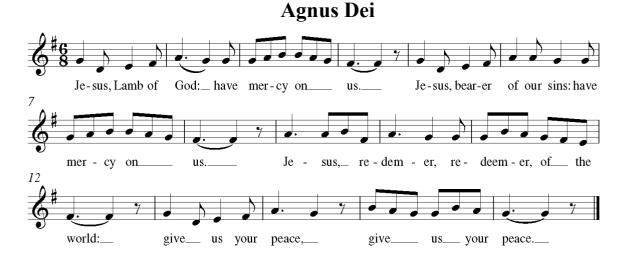
Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing





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

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



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 #146 Break this the bread of life

#### **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

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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 #180 He is risen

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Chuck Sheaffer

## **Prayer and Praise**



as of 4-17-2023

- Arlene Cox went to be with the Lord on Sunday the 16th. Please keep Mike, Pam and the Cox family in your prayers as they navigate through their grief at the loss of Mike's mother.
- Please pray for all of those who will be traveling El Camino de la Pascua April 22nd through May 13th. See page 18 for more info.
- **Praise**: Sherene Loree (Mary Griffin's daughter in-law) has returned home and to church, has no pain and is taking no medication. AMEN! Please continue to pray for her healing.
- Please pray for healing, comfort, strength and guidance for Susan Sell. Susan is new to the St. Paul's Family.
- Prayers pray for safe travel for the Machado's and the Persons.
- Prayers for healing, comfort and strength as Michael Thorington continues to recover from surgery.
- Prayer for Rex Adamson and medical team as they visit Ukraine to assist with medical needs and training. Pray for peace, safe travel and open hearts to hearing God's message.
- Praise: We had 86 people attend our Easter Service! Amen!
- Please pray for Ann Mootz's sister-in-law. Pray for strength to endure what is ahead and for her complete recovery. Also, for peace for her family and friends.
- Darla Davisson has asked us to pray for people who have hate in their hearts.
- Please pray for healing for Mike Cox who had knee replacement surgery.
- Please pray for Sharon Andrews' son and daughter-in-law for healing, comfort, guidance and strength.
- Please pray for strength and healing for Elaine Paradis
- Pray for healing and God's wisdom for Ralph (Linda Lowe's brother)
- Please pray for healing and comfort for Rebecca, a friend of Eric Sheaffer.

- Continue to pray for healing and comfort for the Munroe's.
- Continue prayers for healing for Rj.
- Continue to pray for relief from pain, healing, strength, courage and patience for Carol Collier.
- Update on Christine Judd: Please pray that they will be able to find a good place for her to go upon release from the rehab hospital.
- 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.



The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God
by Carolyn List in memory of her husband, David.

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## Recycling at St. Paul's

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum cans and CA redeemable plastic are in the church entrance.

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

#### Free Covid Tests

We have free Covid tests available in the Narthex or the church office.

- Jeni



## Meetings, News and Needs

St. John the Baptist in Lodi is planning a Event on Saturday May 6th from noon to 4. Tickets are \$20 each and that includes a spaghetti lunch, 10 Bingo games and 2 Bingo cards. Lunch is from noon to 1:30 and Bingo from 1:30 to 4. Call to make your reservations 209-369-3381

- Solution Series Ser
- Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon.
- → If you are interested in joining our choir, please contact Chuck Sheaffer. Contact info on page 19
- → If you are interested in playing hand bells, please contact Judy Teter. Contact info on page 19
- 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.
- Mark your calendars the Halloween party is back! October 28th. More information to come but this will give you some time to start planning your costume.
- The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative)
- There will be a basket in the narthex for the Shower Shuttle, they always need underwear and socks! We will also be putting together hygiene kits and need two-blade razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.

- There will be a clothing donation box for MoPride in the narthex. We will be collecting clothing year around. They are also in need of feminine hygiene products. Also, watch for upcoming events we will be sponsoring and consider attending to show our love.
- Solution If you are interested in helping with the food giveaway the first Wednesday of each month please contact Judy Teter.
- If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners please contact Linda Lowe
- If you are interested in helping Knit One, Pray Two please contact Gayle Ivy

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact the church office.



	April 2	Easter (9th)	April 16	April 23	April 30
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie	Rev Dondi
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# Journeying for migrant, climate and racial justice for all

## April 22-May 13, 2023

Join EDSJ as we tour the diocese visiting locations that embody the death, hope and resurrection of Jesus.

For more information:

www.diosanjoaquin.org

"El Camino de la Pascua"

Walkers for the El Camino de la Pascua will be at St. Paul's on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We are responsible for providing dinner and places to sleep for them. It is my job to coordinate sleeping quarters. If you can accommodate one or two walkers please contact me at 209-522-9600 or email <a href="mailto:bertbear714@gmail.com">bertbear714@gmail.com</a>. If you have any questions you can contact Linda Lowe or me. Linda's information is in your Sunday bulletin. - Roberta

O God, who brought your servant Abraham out of the land of the Chaldeans, protecting him in his wanderings, who guided the Hebrew people across the desert, we ask that you watch over, your servants, as they journey in the love of your name through the Diocese of San Joaquin. Be for them their companion on the way, their guide at the crossroads, their breath in their weariness, their protection in danger, their shelter on the camino, their shade in the heat, their light in the darkness, their consolation in discouragement, and their strength in intention; that seeing the light of the countenance of Jesus Christ your Son in the sufferings and triumphs of all your people in this land, especially its First Nations and all those who have suffered and struggled to rise with your Christ, so that with your guidance they may arrive safe and sound at the end of the Camino and enriched with grace and virtue they return safely to their homes filled with joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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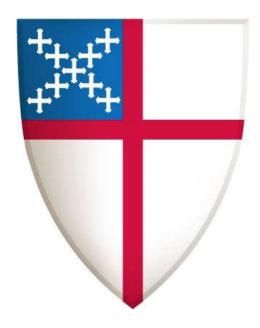
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Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List





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