

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 30, 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.

The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn #191 Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts and voices

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord is Risen!

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

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
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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn #209 We walk by faith

The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Rev. Dondi

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: Choral Anthem

Beautiful Savior



The image shows two staves of musical notation for a choral anthem. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye".

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.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The third staff concludes the phrase with 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features various note values, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed 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. This is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
glo-ry for ev-er. A-men

Celebrant: 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
7
mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-dem-er, re-deem-er, of the
12
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.

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 #205 Good Christians all rejoice and sing

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



The flowers at the altar today are given to the
Glory of God
by Diane Keller in memory of
her sister, Grace.

May Ministry Schedule

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Dcn. Greg	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Judy T Claudine	Jim P Annamary	Judy T Claudine	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Judy T Ann M	Sarah H Christine J	Nancy S Steph HW	Steph G Barbara V
Intercessor	Judy T	Brandi A	Linda L	Carolyn L
Greeters & Ushers	Ishmael H Carolyn L	Christine J Claudine	Phil M Sarah H	Christine J Linda L
Vestry Rep	Judy T	Brandi A	Linda L	Carolyn L

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



Prayer and Praise

as of 4-24-2023

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Please pray for Charles Palmer, he has a job interview Wednesday. Pray that this is the right position and that the position is offered to him.
- ◆ Please pray for Bonnie Palmer's brother Sam, he is having heart surgery tomorrow. Pray for the Dr's wisdom and for healing for Sam.
- ◆ Please pray for Sheri Tapley (Roberta & Ed Bearden's daughter) she is having hip replacement surgery May 2nd. Pray for strength and healing.
- ◆ Please pray for Zach Statzer (Jeni's son) that his CT scan tomorrow shows the doctors what is going on and that the treatment is simple and noninvasive.
- ◆ **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 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.
- ◆ Please pray for Ann Mootz's sister-in-law. Pray for strength to en-

sure 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. Pray also that her latest treatment will be successful.
- ◆ 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.

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



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
- ☞ Judy Teter wishes to thank everyone who donated paper and plastic bags for the Salvation Army Food Commodities Program. We have run out of room to store them so if you can please keep the bags you have at your home for a while, she will let you know when they are needed again. Thanks again!
- ☞ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- ☞ 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 Inter-faith 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.
- ☞ 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

A Prayer for El Camino de la Pascua

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.



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 11th. 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 bertbear714@gmail.com. If you have any questions you can contact Linda Lowe or me. Linda’s information is in your Sunday bulletin on page 19

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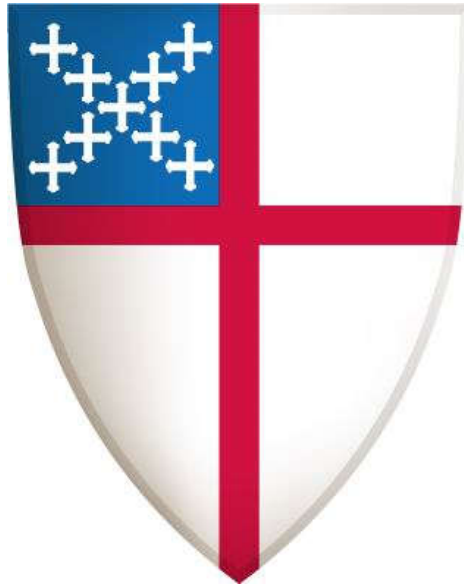
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Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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