

# Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 3, 2023*



*...let him*  
deny himself  
*and* take up his cross  
*and* follow me.

## **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 #400 All creatures of our God and King

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 - mighty 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: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **All: Amen**

## The First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said further, "I

am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup>He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” <sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations. The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm**

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

<sup>4</sup> Search for the Lord and his strength; \*

continually seek his face.  
<sup>5</sup> Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
<sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.  
<sup>23</sup> Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.  
<sup>24</sup> The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;  
<sup>25</sup> Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.  
<sup>26</sup> He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.  
<sup>45</sup> Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn #674 Forgive our sins as we forgive**

### **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 16:21-28

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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**

### **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.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

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.

**All: 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 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

## For the Election of a Minister

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Paul's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Offertory Hymn #518 Christ is made the sure foundation



The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: "Praise God, from whom all blessings 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

Eucharistic Prayer 1 Enriching our Worship

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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### 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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out 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.**

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the  
glo-ry for-ev-er. A-men

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**All: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## 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 #593 Lord, make me an instrument of your peace**

### Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

**All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior Amen.**

### Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*The blessing is given.*

## Recessional Hymn Levas #528 This little light of mine

Celebrant: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord and others. 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 Rosanne Mountain  
in thanksgiving for her sons  
and their families.



### ***Have You Considered Being an Acolyte?***

Since the time of Christ, acolytes have been an important part of a Christian service from torch lighting, processional cross carrying, and assisting the priests in preparing the communion table.

Having an active roll in the worship services is not only fun but also a richly rewarding experience that will stay with you for your entire life.

To anyone interested in becoming an acolyte, we are holding an initial meeting following church on Sunday September 10. We will essentially go over details including a schedule of training, etc.

If you have any questions or are interested and can't attend please contact Nancy Silva at [nnsilvalcsw@gmail.com](mailto:nnsilvalcsw@gmail.com) or Niniv Tamimi at [ninivtamimi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ninivtamimi@sbcglobal.net).



The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

News about Diocesan events and weekly spiritual encouragement are available at the Diocese of San Joaquin website, <https://www.diosanjoaquin.org>. The "Friday Reflection" is available through the "News and Resources" link. To receive the Friday Reflection directly to your inbox, sign up via the link at the top of the Home page.

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.

## *September Ministry Schedule*

	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Nancy S Christine J	Judy T Steph HW	Joyce B Sarah H	Barbara V Ann M
Intercessor	Linda L	Carolyn L	Vickie W	Roberta B
Greeters	Christine J Ishmael H	Sarah H Carolyn L	Ishmael H Phil M	Sarah H Christine J
Ushers	Phil M		Phil M	David L
Vestry Rep	Linda L	Carolyn L	Vickie W	Roberta B

## ***Sunday School is Starting Again October 1 (revised date)***

The starting date for in person Sunday School for our youth, elementary through high School has been changed to Oct. 1 to provide time for potential Sunday School teachers and parents to begin and hopefully complete the online "Safe Guarding Children" course. The youth are invited to gather in the Sunday School room, inside the main sanctuary after the processional hymn. They will return to the regular service during the offertory hymn.



We will need two adult volunteers to lead the Sunday School each week. Please let Chuck Sheaffer know if you are willing to help. You can call at 209-765-1214 or email [cbshea@pacbell.net](mailto:cbshea@pacbell.net). All volunteers will be required to take the safe-guarding training provided online through the diocese. Please contact Chuck if you have any questions [cbshea@pacbell.net](mailto:cbshea@pacbell.net)



## *Prayer and Praise* as of 8-27-2023

☞ Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

**Alexander Galicia** (Kathie's grandson has pneumonia), **Canon Anna** (healing), **Celina Bridges** (friend of Sarah Hartman, Joyce & Ellen Bell, recovering from surgery), **Stephanie Gilmer** (Covid), **Al Spina** (Nell Gerber's son-in-law, for several severe health issues), **James Himes** (Christine Jayne's son), **Ulli** (friend of Doug & Allison Cox, recovering from surgery), **Theresa Norling-Doede** (George & Paige's g-grandson's mother), **Neil** (Rev. Lyn's brother), **Roxie Bavaria** (Anita Machado's brother), **Bonnie Palmer**, Linda Lowe's **Aunt Mudge**, **Carol Collier**, **Darla** (for permanent housing), **Theresa Grieshaber** (upcoming surgery), **Christine Judd**, **Robin Magenot** (George & Paige Cano's daughter), **Sarah Manfredoni** (George & Paige Cano's great-grandson's mother), **Suzy Cano**, **Joan Miller**, **Susan Sell**, **Ann Mootz's sister-in-law**, **Elaine Paradis** and **Bishop Michael Curry**.

☞ Please pray for the country of Ukraine and all the residents for peace and healing.

☞ Please pray for the people of Hawaii, especially the victims of the wildfires on Maui. See info under Meetings, News and Needs for how you can help.

☞ Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.

## *Thank You!*

The stewardship and picnic planning committee want to thank everyone for coming to our parish picnic last Sunday. We all had a great time out on the lawn enjoying the delicious food and tasty root beer floats. Our stewardship theme for this year "Rooted in Abundance" was on clear display last week with our wonderful fellowship and the amazing time and talent of all of those who helped behind the scenes to make the picnic happen.

### *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.





## *Meetings, News and Needs*

- ☞ If you feel called to give to the crisis in Maui, we have put the Episcopal Relief Fund information on our website, [saintpaulsmodesto.org](http://saintpaulsmodesto.org). Please pray for the survivors, families that have lost loved ones, for the rescue workers and all involved in this tragedy!
- ☞ The Modesto Walk to End Alzheimer's will be on Saturday, Sept 9. If you are interested in participating or supporting, please contact Linda Lowe for information
- ☞ Rev. Kathie Galicia has offered to answer any questions you may have about the upcoming Day of Discernment.
- ☞ If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild please contact Elaine Paradis or Toni Clark.
- ☞ 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.
- ☞ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- ☞ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Teter. If you have grocery bags to donate, please bring on Sunday.
- ☞ Choir is on vacation for the summer. We will restart in fall.
- ☞ If you are interested in playing hand bells, contact Judy Teter.
- ☞ The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- ☞ 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.
- ☞ 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.
- ☞ There are still free Covid 19 tests available in the Narthex or in the church office.
- ☞ If you are interested in joining a Wednesday Morning Prayer service or our Book Club contact Judy Thorkelson [jthork2404@aol.com](mailto:jthork2404@aol.com)

# ***Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin Commission on Ministry, Day of Discernment Saturday, Sept 9, 2023***



Have you ever wondered what the Church means when she speaks about discernment? As a Christian, do you reflect on how you might be called to serve God's kingdom and his people? Do you have questions about ordination, what it means and how it happens? If so, the *Day of Discernment* is for you. This event is sponsored annually by the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and is a time to explore and reflect on these questions. Also, if you are discerning a vocation to the ordained ministry, the *Day of Discernment* is the first official step in the process of discernment.

The next Day of Discernment is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 2:30 pm. We will meet at St. James' Cathedral (4147 E. Dakota Ave, Fresno, CA 93726) and all participants will need to register by Sept 1. You may register by emailing Fr. Luis Rodriguez at [frluis@stpaulsbak.org](mailto:frluis@stpaulsbak.org). He will get back to you with further details. You may also contact him if you have any questions.

## ***Modesto Walk to End Alzheimer's 2023***

The annual Walk to End Alzheimer's will be Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at Modesto's Graceada Park. Registration will begin at 8 am, Opening Ceremony at 9 am, with the Walk starting at 9:30. The 1-mile circuit goes around Graceada and Enslin Parks. The 3-mile circuit starts along the parks, goes out the Virginia Corridor to Roseburg Square and back to Graceada Park.

The Walk is a free event but also a fundraiser. Funds are used to assist persons experiencing dementia, their caregivers, and the research needed to find better treatments and the cure for Alzheimer's disease and all forms of dementia. Donations to the "Stan Seniors and Lady's Friends" Team may be made through this link:

[2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Modesto, CA: Ms. Linda Lowe | Walk to End Alzheimer's](#)

While supplies last, a 16 oz. jar of Linda's Mixed Berry Jam is available for a donation of \$10. Cash and checks made to the Alzheimer's Association accepted for jam and to support the Modesto Walk.

For more information, contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937, or [lwlowe@outlook.com](mailto:lwlowe@outlook.com).



# ***St. Paul's Episcopal Church***

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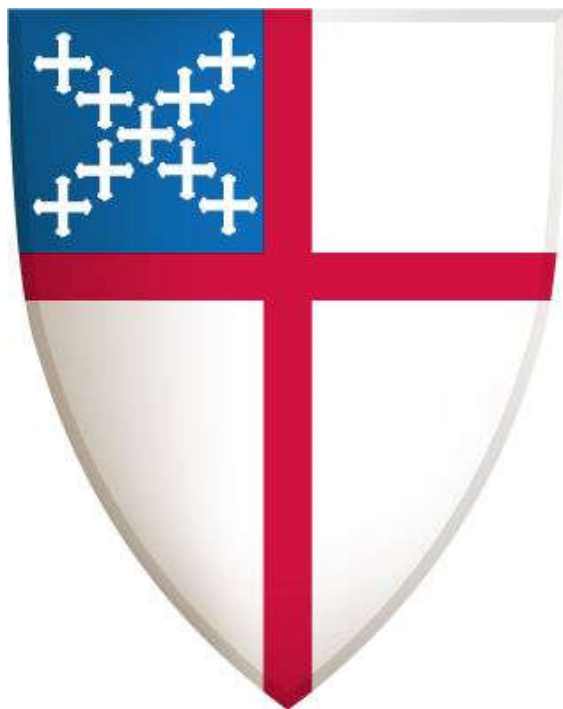
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