Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 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

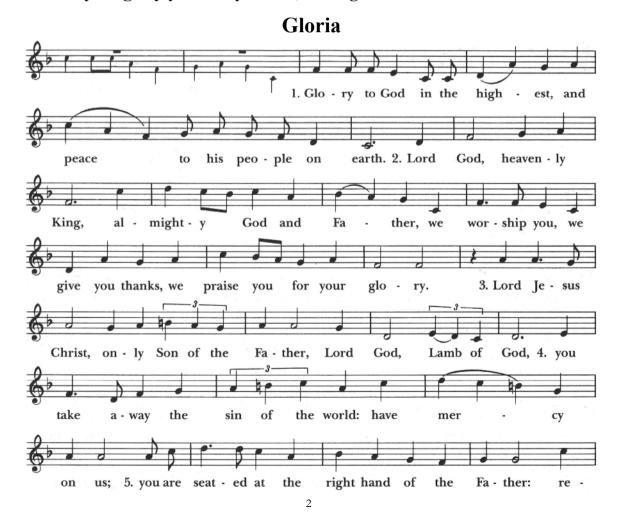
Prelude

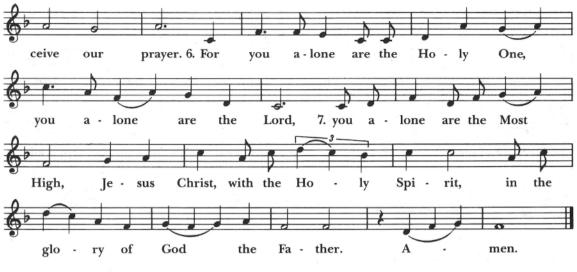
Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn #477 All praise to thee

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.





Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 16:2-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what

they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the Lordgives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him-what are we? Your complaining is not against us but" against the Lord.⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.""

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

¹Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to him, *

and speak of all his marvelous works.

³ Glory in his holy Name; *

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ Search for the Lord and his strength; *

continually seek his face. ⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth, ⁶O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen. ³⁷He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled. ³⁸Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them. ³⁹He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season. ⁴⁰ They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven. ⁴¹He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places. ⁴² For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant. ⁴³ So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy. ⁴⁴He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil, ⁴⁵ That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer.²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #686 Come thou fount of every blessing

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you

have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Homily

Rev. Lyn Morlan

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.

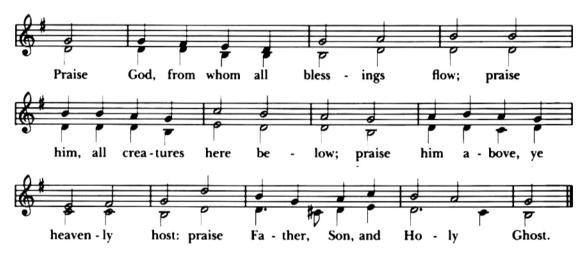
Prayer for the Sick

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 #339 Rock of ages



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.

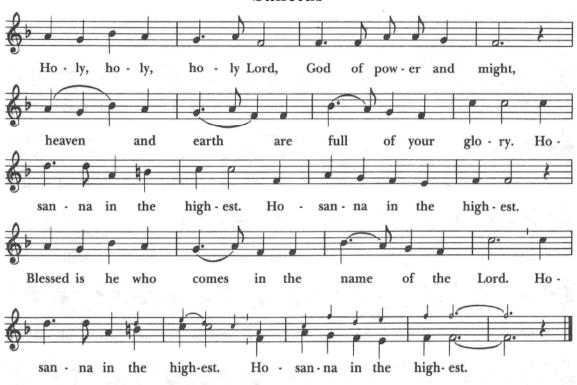
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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 deliv-

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

ered 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:

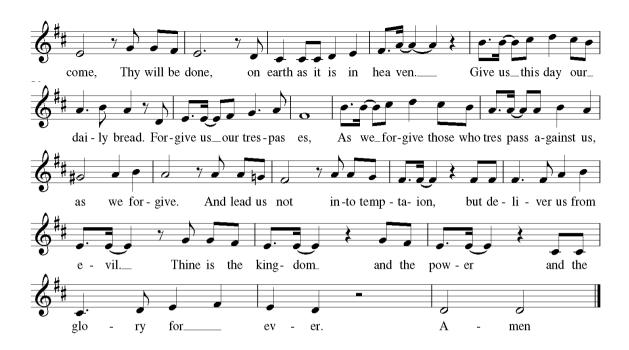
All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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**

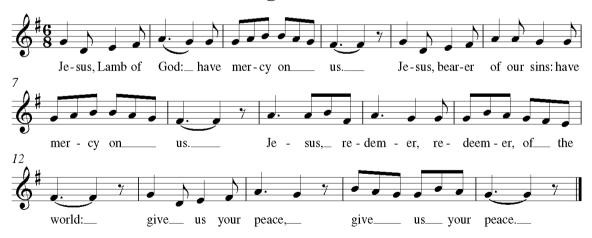
Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

The Lord's Prayer



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



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 #339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

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 #205 When we walk with the Lord

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

If you are not receiving email messages from St. Paul's, please contact Jeni in the church office so we can add you to our list. Jeni Statzer: 209-522-3267 jstatzer@saintpaulsmodesto.org



The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Nancy Silva in memory of her brother George Neufeld.

	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	
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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	

September Ministry Schedule

Sunday School Starts October 1

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. All volunteers will be required to take the safeguarding training provided online through the diocese. Please contact Chuck if you have any questions <u>cbshea@pacbell.net</u>

Prayer and Praise as of 9-17-2023



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

Bob & Clare Jensen (recovery from Covid), Susan Sell's son **Bryce** (for strength), **Theresa Grieshaber** (recovering from back surgery on

the 22nd), Pam, Mike & John Cox, Danny Cox (for employment), Corrine, Canon Anna (healing), Bonnie Palmer, Celina Bridges (friend of Sarah Hartman, Joyce & Ellen Bell), Al Spina (Nell Gerber's son-in-law, for several severe health issues), Ulli (friend of Doug & Allison Cox, recovering from surgery), Theresa Norling-Doede (George & Paige's g-grandson's mother), Neil (Rev. Lyn's brother), Linda Lowe's Aunt Mudge, Carol Collier, Darla (for permanent housing), Christine Judd, Robin Magenot (George & Paige Cano's daughter), Sarah Manfredoni (George & Paige Cano's great-grandson's mother), Suzy Cano, Susan Sell, Ann Mootz's sister-in-law, Elaine Paradis and Bishop Michael Curry (recovering from surgery on Sept 20).

Praise that **Alexander Galicia** (Kathie's grandson) is recovering from his case of pneumonia.

- 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.

See Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.

- Sept 24 Salvation Army Dinner
- Oct 1 Sunday School starts
- Oct 7 St. John's Lodi fund raiser at Pondl winery
- Oct 13 Healthy Aging & Fall Prevention Summit
- Oct 21 Donation Drive for local refugees



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. Please pray for the survivors, families that have lost loved ones, for the rescue workers and all involved in this tragedy!
- If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild please contact Elaine Paradis or Toni Clark.
- Shere 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.
- See Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- Solution Continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11 (NOTE THE NEW TIME). If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Teter. If you have grocery bags to donate, please bring on Sunday.
- Shoir is on vacation for the summer. We will restart in fall.
- See If you are interested in playing hand bells, contact Judy Teter.
- So The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box on the altar rail for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- Shere 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. The next one is Sept 24.
- If you are interested in joining Knit One, Pray Two, please contact Gayle Ivy. They will be meeting the 3rd Monday of the month at 1 pm in the youth room of the Parish Hall.
- So 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 <u>jthork2404@aol.com</u>



Thanks to everyone who volun-teered to help at our booth at MoPride last weekend!

Linda's Mixed Berry Jam 2023

Back by popular demand! Jam made from some of the best berries our valley produces! While supplies last, get a 16 oz. jar of jam for the bargain price of \$10. Sorry....no Venmo or American Express cash or a check made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with "iam" in the memo section. Contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 or lwlowe@outlook.com today!



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Linda will GLADLY accept any jars that need recycling.

Recycling at St. Paul's

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum CREATION cans and CA redeemable plastic are in the church en-CARE trance. 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 like our vegetable garden.

🗅 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 in-box, sign up via the link at the top of the Home page.

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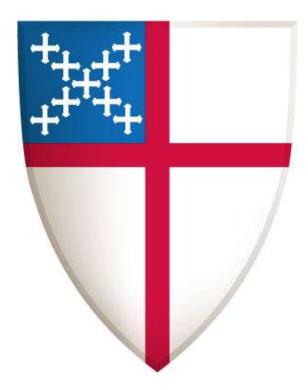
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If you have any prayers, praises or updates you would like added, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 209-522-3267.

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







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