

The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn #287 For all the Saints

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 (S278)

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.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**

The First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living

creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ ¹⁴I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- ² I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- ⁵ Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- ⁶ I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
¹⁰ The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
²² The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

- ¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- ³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ ‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 response to “We are generous with our gifts “ is *Because we are rooted in abundance*

Celebrant/Deacon: Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayer, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community. We are generous with our gifts

Because we are Rooted in Abundance

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, Creator God. May we who are blessed by so much wealth and wisdom, share our works with a world in need.

Amen

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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

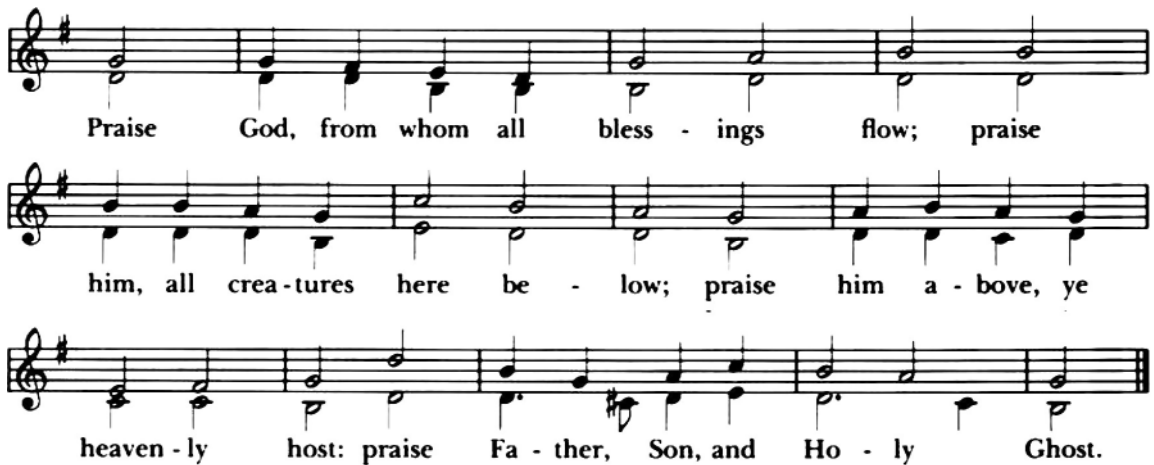
O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away

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 #522 Glorious things of thee are spoken



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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 S130

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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are

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

full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed 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 *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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-ion, 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

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 WLP #811 You shall cross the barren desert *(insert)*

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The blessing is given.

Recessional Hymn #556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart

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 Marti Persons
in memory of Lynn Sutton.

We Have Gluten-free Wafers

Gluten-free communion wafers are available on request. Please let one of the ushers know if you'd like to receive gluten-free bread.

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

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 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

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 like our vegetable garden.



November Ministry Schedule

	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg
Acolytes	Judy T Nancy S	Judy T Nancy S	Nancy S Jim P	Jim P Annamary
Lectors	Barbara V Steph G	Sarah H Judy T	Ann M Steph HW	Linda L Christine J
Intercessor	Vickie W	Sarah H	Nancy S	Roberta B
Greeters	Ishmael H Susan S	Christine J Claudine R	Phil M Sarah H	Claudine R Christine J
Ushers	Ishmael H Phil M	David L Claudine M	Phil M Sarah H	Claudine R David L
Vestry Rep	Vickie W	Sarah H	Nancy S	Roberta B



The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

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Prayer and Praise as of 10-28-2023

- ☞ Praise that Deacon George is feeling stronger.
- ☞ Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

Theresa Grieshaber
Craig Persons
Pam, Mike and John Cox
Christine Judd
Suzy Cano
Elaine Paradis
Carol Collier
David West
Susan Sell
Linda's Aunt Mudge
Deacon George
Robin Magenot
Sarah Manfredoni
Winchester's daughter Suzanne

Ann Mootz's sister-in-law
The Munroes
Bonnie Palmer
Michael Thorington
Barbara Weeden
Leslie Littlefield
Al Spina, Hospice
Sheri, the Bearden's daughter
Claudia Miller's daughter, Hospice
Darla Davisson

- ☞ Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.
 - ☞ 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.
 - ☞ Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.
- Please see Jeni's weekly email for the entire list.



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

☞ **Sunday School** has started and is held in the room at the back of the church during the Readings and the Homily.

☞ **Tuesday Noon Day Prayer** in the Guadalupe Chapel at 12 noon, every Tuesday. To be followed by **Jump Start** Bible study.

☞ If you are interested in joining the **Altar Guild** please contact Elaine Paradis or Toni Clark.

☞ **Tai Chi** meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.

☞ **Choir** is still on a break.

☞ If you are interested in playing **hand bells**, contact Judy Teter.

☞ **Food Distribution** continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Teter. If you have grocery bags to donate, please bring on Sunday.

☞ The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box on the altar rail 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 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. This years charity is the Seaman's Institute. They are making scarfs, hats, socks etc.

☞ 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

☞ 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.



Cookie Walk 2023

It's time to think about the **Cookie Walk** for this year. Dates for this year are Saturday and Sunday December 9 and 10.

The **Cookie Walk** has been St. Paul's consistent fund-raising activity over the last decade.

Ticket purchasers "walk" along the cookie tables and choose their cookies. We will continue our basic walk for cookies but will offer other baked and prepared items, like cinnamon rolls, pies, and fruit jams. We will advertise on our sign so we should expect walk-ins.

We need **Cookie Bakers, Cookie Walkers, Backstage Arrangers, and Ticket takers.** But also, volunteers for set up, take down, and decorating. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Cookie Bakers are key. Our goal is 6,000 cookies. This is 200 batches of about 30 cookies each. We have actually exceeded this goal every year. If you can bake but are unable to sign up on the volunteer sheet, please call/text Carolyn List 209 604 2398 or Claudine Romegialli at 209 489 8722.

The price per baker's dozen of cookies will again be \$10 per box and prices for other items will be a multiple of \$5.00 so cookie tickets may be used to purchase other items. Please consider selling or buying at least 5 Cookie Walk tickets. Think about giving a paid ticket to family members or neighbors. When they come to pick up their cookies, they often purchase additional boxes. Boxed cookies also make great gifts.

Nov 5 Salvation Army Dinner
Nov 18 Ukraine Christmas card day
Nov 19 Knit 1 Pray 2 during Coffee Hour
Dec 9-10 Cookie Walk



Knit 1 Pray 2



Winter is coming and now is the time to learn how to Knit or Crochet.

Come join us during the Coffee Hour after the Sunday Service, on Nov 19th to learn how to make a bookmark. We have yarn, needles and an excellent teacher.

Come and have fun and join our group at Coffee Hour Nov 19th
Gayle Ivy

Christmas Cards for Ukraine

On Saturday morning, November 18, from 10 AM-12 noon we will have an activity in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's to prepare Ukrainian made Christmas Cards to send to members of the US Congress. These beautiful cards will have a hand written message thanking each member for their support of Ukraine with humanitarian aid in 2023 and asking for continued aid in 2024, as well as a Christmas blessing for each congressional member. It is easy to forget those in need who are so far away, but the aid from the US has been pivotal in maintaining the Ukrainian economy and providing critical emergency services during the war.

The activity is free to participate and cards will be provided. People can also bring their own Christmas cards to prepare and send should they choose. Children are welcome to come and draw their own cards to send as well. We will have some light treats to eat and coffee.

There will be a basket available for a free-will donation to be collected to cover the cost of postage for the cards in Ukraine, for those that are interested.

The activity is planned by Rex Adamson, 209-595-4935. All are welcome.

Munchies are needed for this event. If you can help, please contact Linda Lowe 209-496-3937 or lwlowe@outlook.com to sign up.

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Nancy Silva, Judy Teter and Vickie Winchester

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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