

# Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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## Jesus Calls the First Disciples

### **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 #375 Give praise and glory unto God

### Introductory Rite

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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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## The Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah be-

gan to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## The Psalm

Psalm 62:6-14

- <sup>6</sup> For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.
- <sup>7</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- <sup>8</sup> In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- <sup>9</sup> Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- <sup>10</sup> Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- <sup>11</sup> On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.
- <sup>12</sup> Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- <sup>13</sup> God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.
- <sup>14</sup> Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

## The Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

<sup>29</sup>I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none,<sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions,<sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn Levas #136 I have decided to follow Jesus**

## **The Holy Gospel**

Mark 1:14-20

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

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

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,<sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”<sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him.<sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.<sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Homily**

Rev. Kathie Galicia

## **The Nicene Creed**

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **The Confession of Sin**

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**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. **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 *him/her*, 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 servants, that *their* weakness may be banished and *their* strength restored; and that *their* health being renewed, *they* 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.

### **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.**

### **Offertory Hymn Levas #83 Just a little talk with Jesus**





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 A

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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,

*Proper Preface*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### 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: 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 many 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-against 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: Alleluia, 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 #302 Father we thank thee

### 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.**

### Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*The blessing is bestowed.*

**Recessional Hymn #470 There's a wideness in God's mercy**

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

**All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude:

Chuck Sheaffer



The 2024 Altar Flower donation list is now posted in the Narthex. You may sign up on the list or send a request to [carolynlist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolynlist@sbcglobal.net). The donation amount remains at \$35. When you donate, your name and the memory, celebration, or honor of your person or event is printed in the weekly Service Bulletin so the congregation can observe with you.



## *Sunday School*

Sunday School has started again. The classes start at the Old Testament reading during our service. The class is held in the glassed in room at the back of the church. Please come and join the group.

### *January Ministry Schedule*

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

### *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.

## ***Prayer and Praise*** as of 1-15-2024



Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

Annamary Peck

Jim Peck

Bob Jensen

Theresa Grieshaber

Craig Persons

Pam & Mike Cox

Suzy Cano

Elaine Paradis

Carol Collier

Susan Sell

Linda's Aunt Mudge

Deacon George

Robin Magenot

Sarah Manfredoni

Ann Mootz's sister-in-law

Bonnie Palmer

Michael Thorington

Leslie Littlefield

Sharon Andrew's daughter-in-law

Danielle (Jeni's friend)

Enrique Perez (student of Danielle Verges)

Phil & Anita Machado

☞ Bishop Michael Curry, is home following successful surgery.

☞ Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.

☞ Please pray for those in war torn areas everywhere; Ukraine, Holy Land, Gaza, Palestine and Afghanistan.

☞ 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 pray for the American people to listen to God's will on their hearts and do unto others as they would want done to them and their families.

☞ Please pray for all travelers as journey to and from their destinations.

**Please see Jeni's weekly email for the entire list.**

(Some of these people have been on our prayer list a long time, that is because they are in need of long term prayer. The list is updated every week)



## ***BINGO 2024!***

Now that the end of year festivities are over, it is time to have some fun with a purpose. ***Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm***, join your friends for another evening of prizes and munchies while raising funds to buy unique "Tutu Desks". The desks were designed and created by former Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his foundation to assist children in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Admission will be a free-will offering that will be combined with donations from other congregations in the Diocese to purchase the unique desks. As seen in the attached video, the desks are inexpensive and portable, assisting children at home and in school.

[Canon Anna - Tutu Desk Campaign.mp4 - Google Drive \(outlook.com\)](#)

For more information, or to help with munchies, provide prizes, or help with set up and/or clean up, contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 (cell), 209-529-5467 (home), or [lwlowe@outlook.com](mailto:lwlowe@outlook.com). See you there!



## ***Annual Meeting***

Thanks so much to everyone who came to our Annual Meeting. Thanks to everyone who brought the yummy goodies that we all enjoyed. Thanks to everyone who helped with the set up and those who stayed after to clean up and put away.

### **Our new Vestry members are:**

Lora Burnett

Ismael Huggins

Luis Martinez and

Ann Mootz

Our retiring Vestry members are Roberta Bearden and Carolyn List. Thank you for the time that you spent serving on the Vestry! You are very much appreciated.

We also elected 2 members to be Delegates at our convention and 2 alternates.

Joyce Bell - Delegate

Nancy Silva - Delegate

Carolyn List - Alternate

Judy Teter - Alternate

Thanks again to everyone who came and everyone who made the meeting work so smoothly.

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

## ***Have You Pledged?***

Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, there are still some in the church entry.



• 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **The Stanislaus Food Initiative** (formerly Interfaith Ministries).
- ☞ 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](mailto: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.

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



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Lora Burnett, Sarah Hartmann, Ismael Huggins, Linda Lowe, Luis Martinez,  
Ann Mootz, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva and Judy Teter

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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