

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The First Sunday in Lent

Feb 18, 2024



LENT

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.

Enter in silence

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

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Deacon or Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not steal.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon or Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Celebrant or Deacon: 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: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

**All: Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *

let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³ Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

- ⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- ⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- ⁹ All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Levas #35 O how He loves you and me

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

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 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 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.

Offertory Hymn #147 Now let us with one accord



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

New Zealand Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

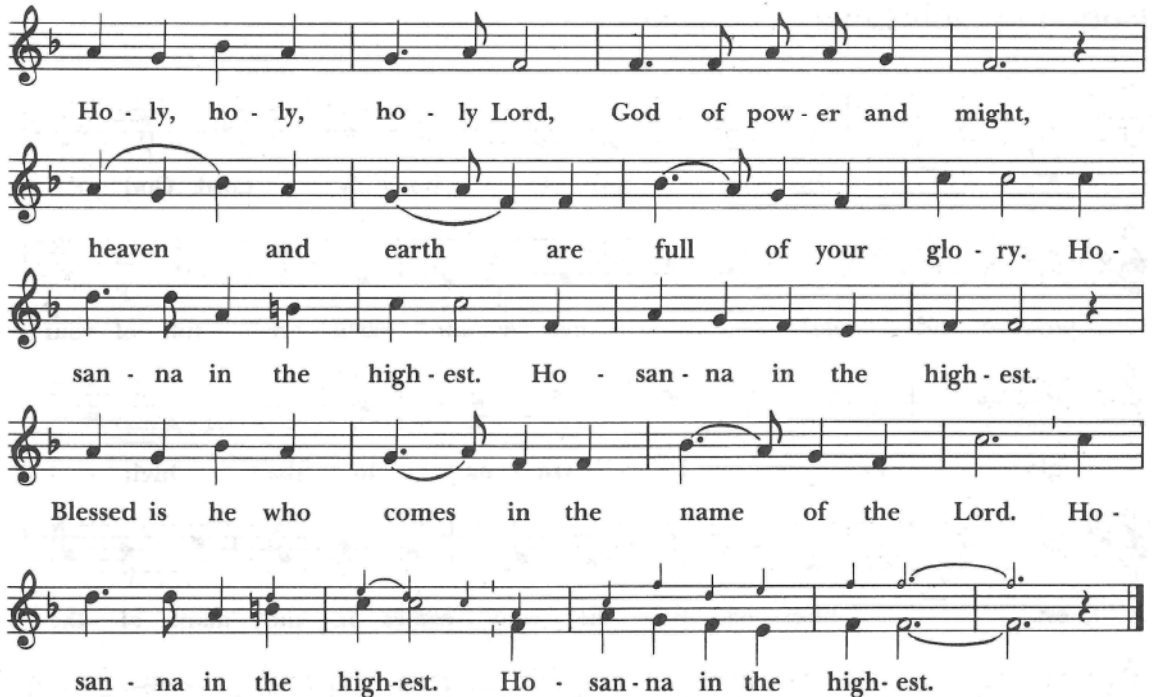
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast, so that in fervent prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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



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.

Celebrant: All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for 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-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: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body, for we all share 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: Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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

Communion Hymn Levas #152 Let us break bread together

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people. Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to who with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Christ the Son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

All: Amen

Recessional Hymn #448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Celebrant: Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

All: We go in the name of Christ.

Postlude:

Chuck Sheaffer

February Ministry Schedule

	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Lyn Dcn. Greg
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T Anthony M	Annamary P Jim P	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M
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Intercessor	Sarah H	Judy T	Linda L	Lora B
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Vestry Rep	Sarah H	Judy T	Linda L	Lora B

Prayer and Praise as of 2-9-2024



Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

David West
Theresa Grieshaber
Pam & Mike Cox
Suzy Cano
Elaine Paradis
Linda's Aunt Mudge
Deacon George
Ann Mootz's sister-in-law

Michael Thorington
Sharon Andrew's daughter-in-law
Enrique Perez (student of Danielle Verges)
Mary Su's mother
Ismael Huggins
Kristina & Rozy Frias
Ken & Trish Hart

- ☞ Bishop Michael Curry, is home following successful surgery.
- ☞ Julia West, Pastor Kathleen's daughter, on the passing of her father, Ira
- ☞ 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 wild-fires 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 the 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)

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

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



Easter Cards for Ukraine Aid



On March 6, 7, and 14th, we will meet in the Parish Hall to write Easter Cards to members of the US House of Representatives. The evenings will start at 6PM with a simple Ukrainian soup and bread and a scripture reading and prayer. At 6:30 we will begin working on the cards which will each have a short note thanking the congressperson for their support of Ukraine in 2023, and requesting they remember the people of Ukraine in 2024. It is free to participate and kids are welcome. If you would like to not participate in the short meal, you are welcome to come at 6:30 PM. We will wrap up each evening at 8:30 with prayer for the people around the world who suffer from violence and war through no fault of their own. - Rex Adamson

Lenten Book Study at St. Francis in Turlock



Lenten Book Study

We were invited to join a Lenten Book Study at St. Francis in Turlock by Padre Toni Alvarez. The Lenten Book Study will begin February 21, 2024 at 5:30p.m. for Evening Prayer in the Chapel. The Book Study begins at 6:00 pm. Evening Prayer is separate, you are welcome to join both the service and the book study.

We are very grateful to Padre Toni for his generous offer of hospitality. We are one Beloved Community.

The Book chosen is *Inwardly Digest, The Prayer Book As Guide To A Spiritual Life*, author: Derek Olsen. Padre Toni encourages participants to read chapter 1 prior to the study.

Please email Padre Toni with an RSVP if you plan to attend, Padre Toni's email: padretoni@diosanjoaquin.org. It is very important that if you plan to attend you remember to RSVP to assist with the planning of their space.

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Faithfully Yours, Stephanie Gilmer

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