Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024



4th Sunday in 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.

Prelude Chuck Sheaffer

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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people

spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.

² Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

³ He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

¹⁸ They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.

²¹ Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

²² Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Epistle

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Levas #88 My faith looks up to thee

The Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

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

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, be-

cause they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." 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

Prayers of the People

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

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

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Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2 (or other sentence)*

Offertory Hymn #686 Come, thou fount of every blessing





The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

New Zealand Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

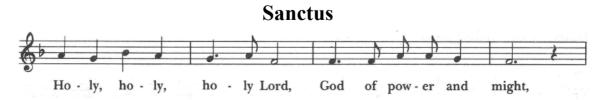
People: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

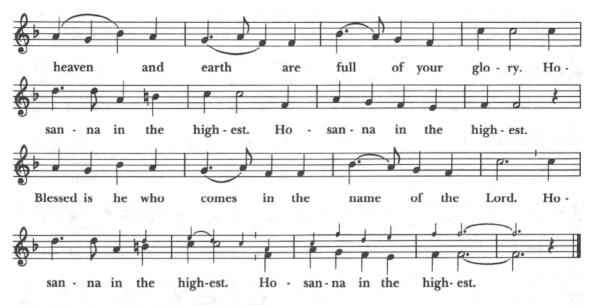
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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:





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

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.

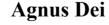
All: Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen

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

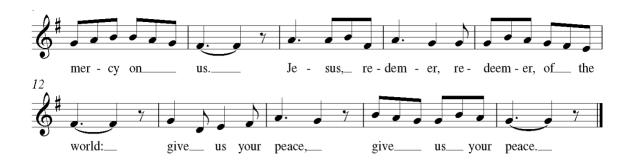


Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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







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 #317 This is the hour of banquet and of song

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 #620 Jerusalem, my happy home

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

All: We go in the name of Christ.

Postlude: Chuck Sheaffer



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 24 10:00 a.m. - Rev. Kathie

Maundy Thurs & Agape Meal, March 28-6:00 p.m. meal at 6, service at 6:30

Good Friday, March 29 Noon and 7:00 p.m. - Dcn. Greg, Rev. Kathie

Easter Vigil, March 30 St. Francis, Turlock - Padre Tony

10:00 a.m. - Rev. Lyn

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Easter, March 31

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

March Ministry Schedule

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Clergy Homily		Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Steph G Ann M	Rex A Steph HW	Linda L Christine J	Steph G Ismael H	Barbara V Alex S
Intercessor	Nancy S	Luis M	Sarah H	Ann M	Linda L
Greeters	Christine J Phil M	William S Claudine R	Ismael H Christine J	Phil M William S	Linda L Claudine R
Ushers	David L Phil M	Phil M Claudine R	David L Carolyn L	Phil M Carolyn L	David L Claudine R
Vestry Rep	Nancy S	Luis M	Sarah H	Ann M	Linda L

Chrism Mass & Renewal of Vows

March 26, 2024, 11:00 a.m. St. James Cathedral, Fresno

During this liturgy, the priests, deacons and representatives of the entire diocesan community gather around their Bishop, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year.

This liturgy is also a key moment in which the unity of the Bishop with his priests and deacons is manifested and re-

newed. During the liturgy, the priests and deacons of the diocese renew their vow of obedience to the Diocesan Bishop and their commitment to serve all God's people.

At the end of the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils are brought back to the congregations of the diocese for use in the coming year.

RSVP to: cannonanna@diosanjoaquin.org

All Laity are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

You are invited to bring a potluck dish to share for lunch following the service. Clergy: alb & red stoles

Lenten Book Study at St. Francis in Turlock

We were invited to join a Lenten Book Study at St. Francis in Turlock by Padre Toni Alvarez. The Lenten Book Study will begin Wednesday, 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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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone 209-402-3017, text or email: mzgilmer@att.net. - Stephanie Gilmer

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.

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Maundy Thurs & Agape Meal March 28-6:00 p.m. meal at 6:00,

6:30 service Rev. Lyn

Good Friday, March 29 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil, March

30, St. Francis, Turlock - Padre Toni

Easter, March 31 10:00 a.m. - Rev. Lyn

Thursday, March 28: Agape Meal and Eucharist

Join us for a Mediterranean finger food meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. in the back of the church. At 6:30 we will begin the service around the tables for lessons and foot washing. We will move for Eucharist and the stripping of the altar (the Altar Guild will put away all things in preparation for Good Friday.) A sign-up sheet for the Agape meal will be available beginning on Sunday, March 10.

Friday, March 29: Good Friday

There will be a noon service led by Deacon Greg Masztal and a 7 p.m. service led by Rev. Kathie Galicia

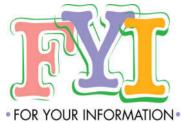
Sunday, March 31: Easter

Easter service at 10:00 a.m. with festive music and Alleluias. While there will not be a scheduled service at St. Paul's for Saturday evening Easter Vigil, St. Francis in Turlock will be offering a service that evening. Everyone is invited.



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.



- Sunday School has started and is held in the room at the back of the church during the Readings and the Homily.
- Solution Tuesday Noon Day Prayer in the Guadalupe Chapel at 12 noon, every Tuesday. To be followed by **Jump Start** Bible study.
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- Solution 9. 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 **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.
- Solution If you are interested in joining **Knit One, Pray Two**, please contact Gayle Ivy. They will be meeting the **3rd Tuesday** 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. **Note the new day!**
- Solution Share 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.

Prayer and Praise as of 3-3-2024

Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

Claudine Romegialli

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

Enrique Perez (student of Danielle V.

is home now, please continue prayers)

Mary Su's mother

Ismael Huggins

Kristina & Rozy Frias

Ken & Trish Hart

- Some Bishop Michael Curry, is home following successful surgery.
- So Prayers and thanksgiving for our new priest, due to arrive in August.
- Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.
- Sometimes Frias, for success in her job search.
- 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 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.

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Ann Mootz, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva and Judy Teter

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Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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