Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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> The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024



5th 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: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 51:1-13

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² Wash me through and through from my wickedness *

and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵ And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

⁶ Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁷ For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸ Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

⁹ Make me hear of joy and gladness, *

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰ Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.

¹³ Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Epistle

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek

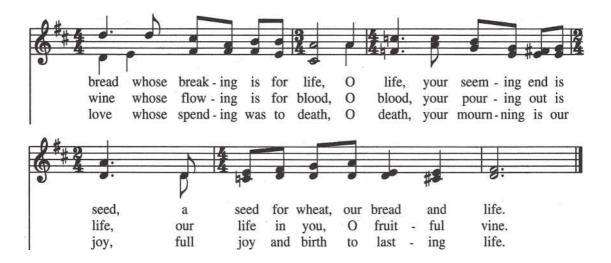
.The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn WLP #760 O wheat whose crushing was for bread

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The Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

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

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And

I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Deacon Greg Masztal

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.

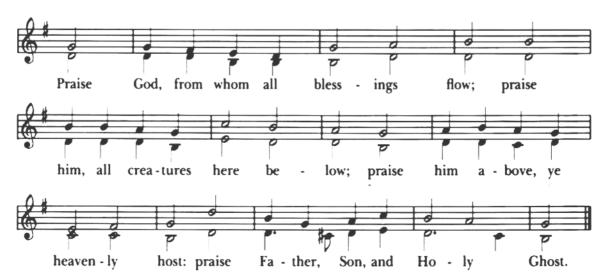
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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 #603 When Christ was lifted from the earth



The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

New Zealand Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

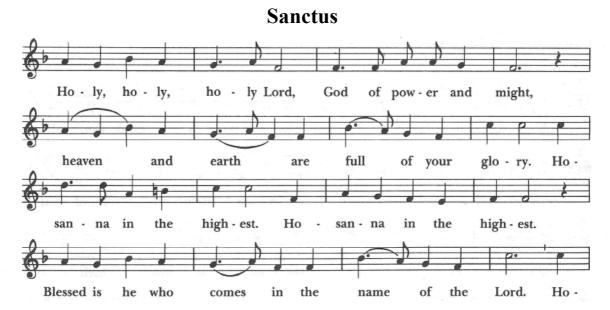
People: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

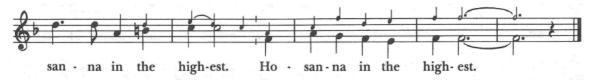
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

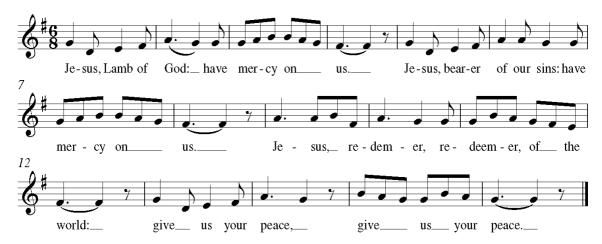
The Lord's Prayer



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



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 #439 What wondrous love is this

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 #495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

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

All: We go in the name of Christ.

Postlude: Chuck Sheaffer

March Ministry Schedule

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	_	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Jim P Annamary	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M	Judy T	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Steph G Ann M	Rex A Steph HW		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		Phil M Carolyn L	David L Claudine R
Vestry Rep	Nancy S	Luis M	Sarah H	Ann M	Linda L

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



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

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

Good Friday, March 29 Noon - Deacon Greg (evening service is can

celled)

Easter Vigil, March 30 7:00 p.m. 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 12 noon service led by Deacon Greg. The evening service has been cancelled.

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 at 7:00 p.m.. Everyone is invited.

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



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.
- ❤ Tuesday Noon Day Prayer in the Guadalupe Chapel at 12 noon, every Tuesday. To be followed by Jump Start Bible study.
- Solution Series Ser
- So Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- 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. We are in need of grocery bags! If you have a collection to donate, please bring them on Sunday, and leave in the Narthex (church entry) or the church office.
- >> 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 of the Parish Hall. This years charity is the Seaman's Institute. They are making scarfs, hats, socks etc. **Note the new day!**
- 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.

Prayer and Praise as of 3-8-2024

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.

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is home now, please continue prayers)

Mary Su's mother Ismael Huggins

Kristina & Rozy Frias

Ken & Trish Hart

Melanie Mayfield & husband John

Mary Griffin

- Sishop Michael Curry, is home following successful surgery.
- Prayers and thanksgiving for our new priest, due to arrive in August.
- Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.
- Skristina 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 they 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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