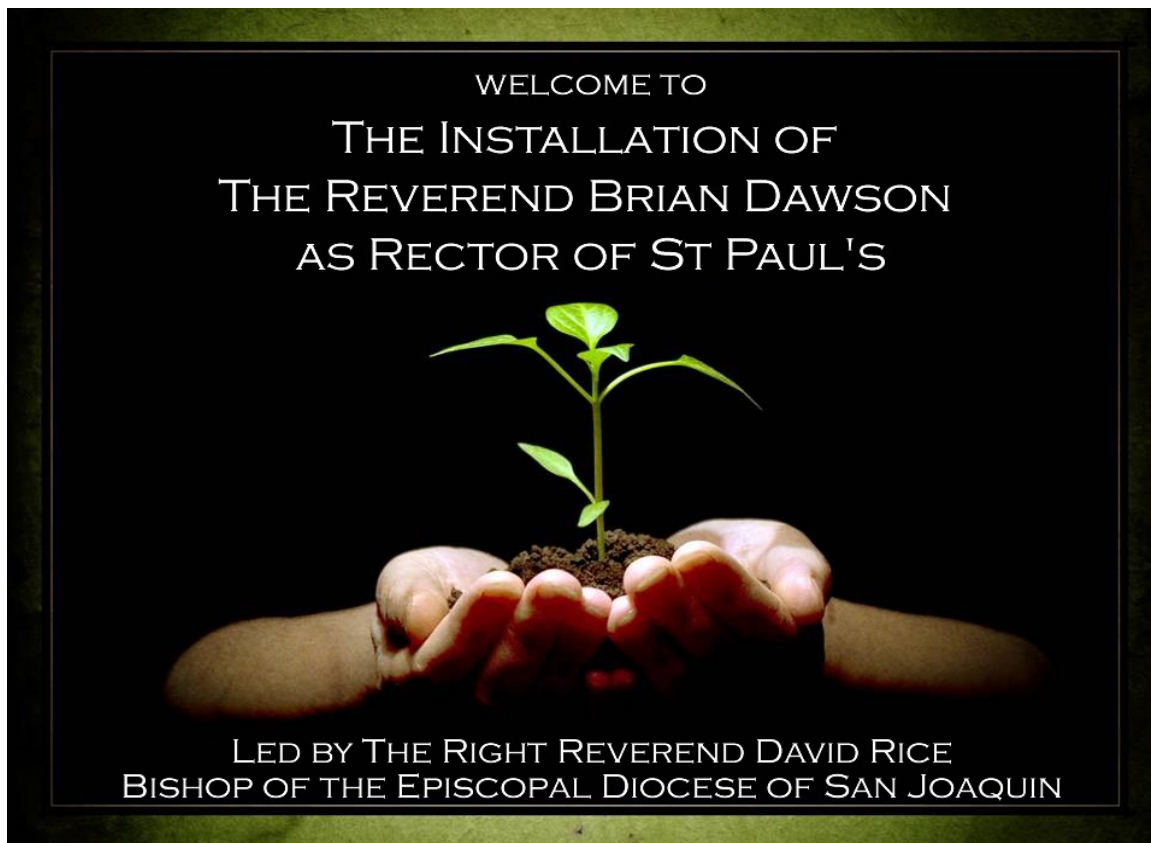


Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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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

Processional Hymn – 686 Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

Bishop:

Blessed be our God.

For ever and ever. Amen

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God, Creator of all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The people are seated. The Warden(s) stand near the Bishop.

The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering; and concludes:

People of St Paul's, Modesto, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.

Wardens: We have chosen and called The Reverend Brian Dawson to be our Rector, and he has accepted.

Bishop: I commend your choice and affirm this call. Are you, the people of St Paul's, Modesto, ready to continue in your ministry, with Brian as your priest?

People: **We are.**

The Wardens escort the Priest from the nave to the front of the assembly.

Representatives present the Rector the lectern Bible and say:

Fr Brian, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Rector: Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

The Lessons

The first lesson is from I Kings 17:8-16

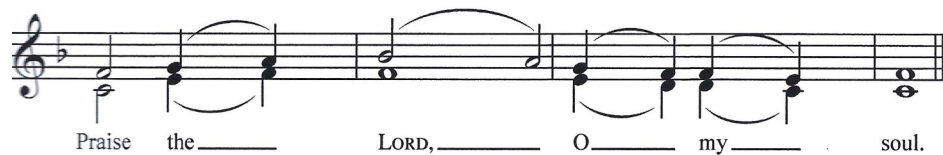
⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.” ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the

earth.”¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146



- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! Whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The second reading is from Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - God Who Sets Us On A Journey (see insert)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 12:38-44

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁸As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have con-

tributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily: Rev'd Karen Matthews

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Bishop invites those who wish to join him around the font.

Brian and people of St Paul's: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

We will, with God's help.

The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop blesses the water.

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

The Bishop and Rector lead the renewal of baptismal vows

Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce evil, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Presentation of Candidates

Rector

Bishop David, *Alexander Sarina, Gabriel Trautman, and Alexandra Young* have put themselves forward as candidates for Confirmation and, God-willing, will be presented to you as prepared for such in April next year. I ask you now to formally admit them for preparation and bless their journey.

The bishop welcomes and blesses each candidate.

Hymn – We Are Many, We Are One (insert)

While the hymn is sung the congregation is sprinkled with the water.

The Prayers of the People

A symbol of prayer is brought forward by Intercessors from the congregation.

Fr Brian., with this we offer our prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

Rector

Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

Intercessions are offered

A symbol of pastoral care is presented by representatives of the Eucharistic Visitors.

Fr Brian, with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance, and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.

Rector Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

Greetings & Response

Guests who wish are invited to say words of welcome to the new Rector after which he will respond.

All standing the Rector says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Bishop says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Representatives of the congregation bring the offerings of bread and the wine. Addressing the Rector, they say
Fr Brian, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Rector
Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

Offertory Hymn – #593 Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, O God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and

for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

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)

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole

world into our care. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfil your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

O God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
|we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-losed 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
 mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-dem-er, re-deem-er, of the
 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten free wafers are available. If you want just a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your body.

Communion Hymn- LEVAS #149 In Remembrance of Me

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Blessing

Bishop

We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Brian, I commend to your love and care the people of St Paul's. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Rector, colleague and friend, Brian Dawson.

God's blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn #719 America the Beautiful

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer



For Health, Peace and Comfort:

Cherie Sheaffer; Claudine Romegialli; Pam & Mike Cox; Suzy Cano; Elaine Paradis; Deacon George; Ryan Anderson; Ann Mootz's sister-in-law; Mary Kinnaman; Michael Thorington; Ishmael Huggins; Kristina & Rozy Frias; Ken & Trish Hart; Mary Griffin; Joshua Trautmann; Christine Judd; Joel; Ellen; Christine Jayne; Danielle; Craig & Marti Persons; Howard Grieshaber Keith & Ginny Munroe; Brett; Ann Mootz's sister-in-law; Rev. Karen; Nell; Dennis; Rosanna & Niniv; Alfred Spina; Clare C.; Susan Sell; John K.; Polly; Colleen; Louise; Lennyn.

Praise God:

Cherie's healing.

Please Pray For:

Kristina Frias, for success in her job search.

Gabe Trautmann for success in his job search.

Ally Young for success in her job search.

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

Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.

Please pray for the American people to listen to God's will in 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.

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

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



The flowers at the altar today
are given to
The Glory of God by Bonnie Kellogg
in Celebration of Peace for the World

Events, November 11-15

Monday, November 11, 5:30 pm, meet the doctors from Ukraine.
Discussion and pot luck supper.

Schedule for Fr. Brian

Fr. Brian will be out of the office, November 12-14, for Clergy
Conference. ***Mid-week Eucharist cancelled.***

November Ministry Schedule

Dates	Nov 3rd	Nov 10th	Nov 17th	Nov 24th
Clergy	Fr. Brian	Bp. David Cn. Anna Rev. Karen	Fr. Brian De. Greg	Fr. Brian
Acolytes	Judy T. Nancy S.	Jim P. Nancy S.	Judy T. Nancy S.	Nancy S.
Eucharistic Minister	Judy T.	Nancy S.	Stephanie G.	Rex
Lectors	Linda L. Judy T.	Joyce B. Alex S.	Nancy S. Theresa G.	Barbara V. Stephanie
Intercessor	Linda	Sarah	Ann	Lora
Ushers	Phil M. Claudine R.	David L. Carolyn L.	Ishmael H. Carolyn L.	Greg B. Claudine R.
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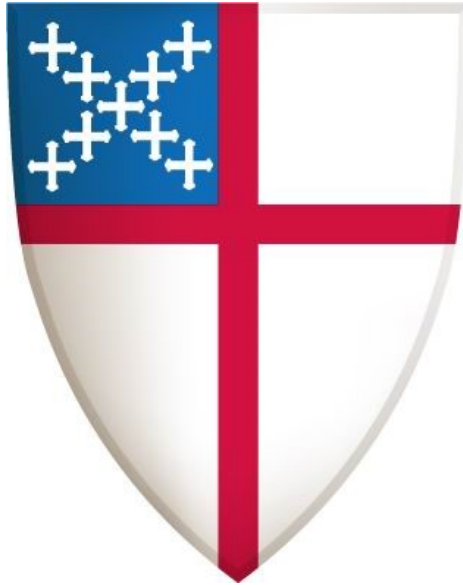
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