

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025



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.

Liturgy for the Lenten Season

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

Opening Hymn #398 I sing the almighty power of God

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

During Lent in place of the Gloria we chant the ancient Kyries

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The first lesson is from Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126



The LORD has— done great things for us, and we are— glad in - deed.

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The second reading is from Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the right-

eousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Levas #197 If the world from you withhold

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 12:1-8

Glory to you, Lord Christ. (Español: Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor)

Juan 12:1-8

¹ Seis días antes de la Pascua, Jesús fue a Betania, donde vivía Lázaro, a quien él había resucitado. ² Allí hicieron una cena en honor de Jesús; Marta servía, y Lázaro era uno de los que estaban a la mesa comiendo con él. ³ María trajo unos trescientos gramos de perfume de nardo puro, muy caro, y perfumó los pies de Jesús; luego se los secó con sus cabellos. Y toda la casa se llenó del aroma del perfume. ⁴ Entonces Judas Iscariote, que era aquel de los discípulos que iba a traicionar a Jesús, dijo: ⁵ —¿Por qué no se ha vendido este perfume por el equivalente al salario de trescientos días, para ayudar a los pobres?

⁶ Pero Judas no dijo esto porque le importaran los pobres, sino porque era ladrón, y como tenía a su cargo la bolsa del dinero, robaba de lo que echaban en ella. ⁷ Jesús le dijo: —Déjala, pues lo estaba guardando para el día de mi

entierro. ⁸ A los pobres siempre los tendrán entre ustedes, pero a mí no siempre me tendrán.

El evangelio del Señor.

Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Brian Dawson

The ringing of the prayer bell leads us into and out of a time of stillness.

The Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.**

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

God of joy and celebration, we thank you for the precious gift of life and for the unique journey that each day brings. As this(ese) your servant(s) celebrate(s) another year of life, we pray for your abundant blessings to be upon them. May your grace continue to guide and shape their paths, filling their days with love, purpose, and joy. Amen

Anniversary Prayer

**Blessed are you, O God, for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our sides.
Bless those whose anniversaries we acknowledge this day.
May they remain faithful and loving so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with us all. Amen.**

Prayer for Those We Love

**Gracious God,
we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you want for us all better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

**The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn #686 Come, thou fount of every blessing
Doxology

The Holy Communion
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.

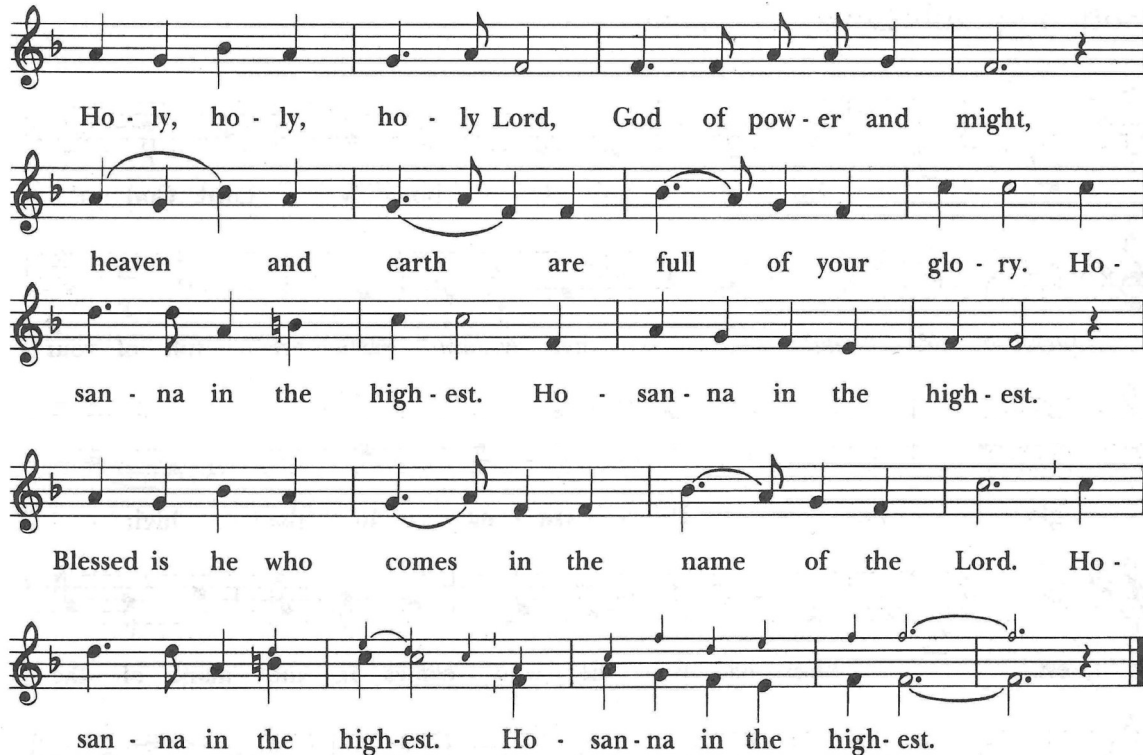
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You call your faithful people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast;
that, fervent in 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, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation 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)

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;

and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends,
saying:
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior
Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons,
that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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-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-gainst us,
as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from
e-vil. This is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
glo-ry for-ev-er. A-men

The bread is broken.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

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.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Come, for all things are now ready.

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 #150 Jesus the bread of life

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

Blessing

Closing Hymn #344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

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Spring Cleaning Work Day

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 am-All hands on deck! Help is needed to prepare the church for Holy Week and Easter. Come with dust rags, furniture polish and willing hands. Let's make things shine!

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

We will once again be having a Maundy Thursday evening Agape Meal, and it will be helpful to have an idea of numbers. If you THINK you will be there, please add your name to the sheet in the narthex of the church. If you can please also indicate what “finger food” you might bring, and whether you can assist with setting up and cleaning up.

Easter Lilies

We will soon be celebrating Easter, including decorating the sanctuary with lilies. Please contact the church office to sponsor and dedicate lilies for our worship space.

The deadline to list names in honor of loved ones will be April 15th.

St. Paul’s office, 209-522-3267, or stpaulsmodestoca@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Ministers & Eucharistic Visitors

Are you interested in finding out more about these important ministries? A training day will be happening at St. Paul’s on Saturday April 26. The day will include people from several parishes in the northern part of our diocese.

If you’re interested in finding out more, talk to Fr. Brian or drop him a line.



Prayer and Praise

Remember those who have asked for our prayers

Alexa, Pam, Deacon George, Susan, Robin, Denise, Priscella, Laurence, Louisa, Marlene, Mark, Toni, Mauro, Loretta, Kelly, Gabriel, Joy, Ken, Bonnie, Alfred, Clare, Michael, Susan, Dennis, Michael, Ishmael, Lisa, Mary, Bob, Mary, Howard, Marti, Daniel, Tony, Joanne, JoAnne, Linda, Janet, JoHanna, Sasha, David J., Cherie, Doug, Alice, Annamary, Gayle, Michelle, Ginny, Keith, Dorothy, Brett, Lora, Elo, Lucy, Akasha

Those who have passed away:

Elaine Paradis

Carol DeMaria Donati Hertle

Collene Arfman

Joyce Hosegood Ray Campbell

Jaden Justman

Rodger Antonio Arancibia

Mary Kinnaman

Those in the Military:

1 LT Sam Birch, USA

LTC Nathaniel P. Wallace, USAFR

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CPT Fred Campbell, USAF

PO1st Class Johnny Olmos, US Coast Guard

Leaders and Ministries of St. Paul's:

The Clergy, Vestry & Wardens & Shower Shuttle Ministry

April Ministry Schedule

Dates	Apr 6 th	Apr 13 th	Apr 20 th	Apr 27 th
Clergy	Fr. Brian	Bp. David Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian
Acolytes	Judy T. Nancy S.	Nancy S. Judy T.	Nancy S. Judy T.	Nancy S. Jim P.
Eucharistic Minis-	Stephanie G.	Rex	Stephanie G. Sarah	Rex
Lectors	Ann M. Nancy S.	Judy T. Stephanie H-	Alex S. Stephanie G.	Barbara V. Joyce
Intercessor	Ismael H.	Joyce B.	Nancy S.	Peter K.
Ushers	Carolyn L. Linda L.	Claudine R. Phil M.	Phil M. Carolyn L.	Ismael H. David L.
Greeters	Carolyn L. Lynelle H.	Phil M. Claudine R.	Phil M. Carolyn L.	Ismael H. Lynelle H.
Vestry Rep.	Ismael H.	Joyce B.	Nancy S.	Peter K.

Coming Up In Lent & Holy Week

Sunday – 5.30 pm Zoom Lenten Book Study (*Turning Over Tables*) & Night Prayer

Tuesday Noon Day Prayer & Lenten Book Study (*Turning Over Tables*) in the Office Conference Room

Wednesday—7:15 am Eucharist in the Church

Thursday – 10 am Eucharist in the Church

10.45 am Lenten Book Study (*Can You Drink This Cup* by Henri Nouwen) in the Church

Bishop David's Visit

Palm Sunday-April 13-Bishop David will bring greetings from the Diocese, confirm four of our members, and enjoy a light lunch reception after the service. He also will be encouraging us to continue to bless our community by filling and distributing the Yellow Bags.

We will also have the opportunity to contribute to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund and envelopes will be provided for this special collection. Anyone who chooses to contribute may make checks out to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund and place the envelope in the offering plate.

Lunch Reception:

We will celebrate Bishop David's visit and honor Alex, Ally, Gabe and Jose with a potluck lunch. For anyone who wants to contribute something for lunch, sandwiches and finger foods will be welcome. A cake will be ordered.

Contact the church office with any questions.

Holy Week April 13th – 20th

Palm Sunday

10 am Palm Sunday Eucharist with Confirmations & Yellow Bag

Collection *Bishop David visiting*

5.30 pm Zoom Lenten Book Study & Night Prayer

Holy Tuesday 1 pm Diocesan Chrism Mass at St James' Cathedral Fresno

All invited

Holy Wednesday

7.15 am Eucharist

Noon Final Lenten Book Study

Maundy Thursday 5:30 pm Agape Meal including Eucharist, foot washing & vigil

Good Friday 10 am Way of the Cross

Holy Saturday 7 pm Easter Eve Vigil (*with St Francis Turlock at St Paul's*)

Easter Day 10 am Easter Eucharist & Easter Egg Hunt

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Calling all baseball fans! The almond blossoms are done, daffodils are blooming, and the “boys of summer” are back! The Modesto Nuts will be part of spring and summer for one more year and we can cheer them on as a group. Attending the game includes a kid zone area, fun & silly games between innings, ballpark food (yum!), and the chance to participate in a Modesto tradition that will be changing soon.

Dates being considered are May 14 or 15, or June 18 or 19.

We will need to purchase at least 25 tickets to get them for \$8 for the grandstand area or \$11 for lower box seats.

Contact Linda Lowe to sign up or for more information. Church office, 209-522- 3267, stpaulsmodestoca@gmail.com.

Golden Corral Senior Luncheon Group

Come one, come all.....spouses, partners, friends are all welcome-
the more the merrier!

Phil and Anita Machado will be hosting lunch at Golden Corral, Tuesday, April 15 at 2:30 pm. This fun monthly event already includes 10 St. Paul's members . No reservation required.

The price for seniors is \$15, including drinks.

Find Phil and Anita around the corner from the dessert station, ready to enjoy good company and good food.

For more information, contact Phil at 209-527-2727.

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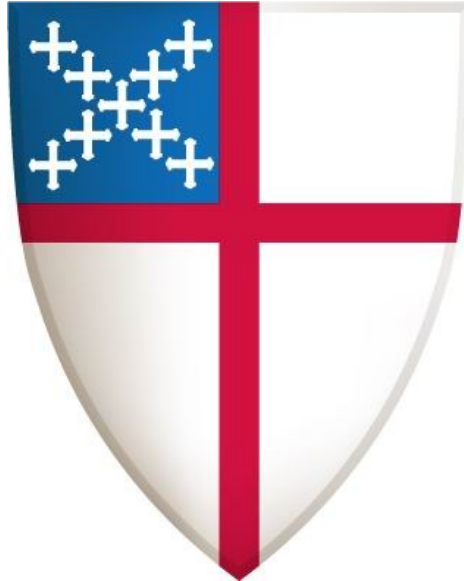
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