Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Saints Peter and Paul Sunday June 29, 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.

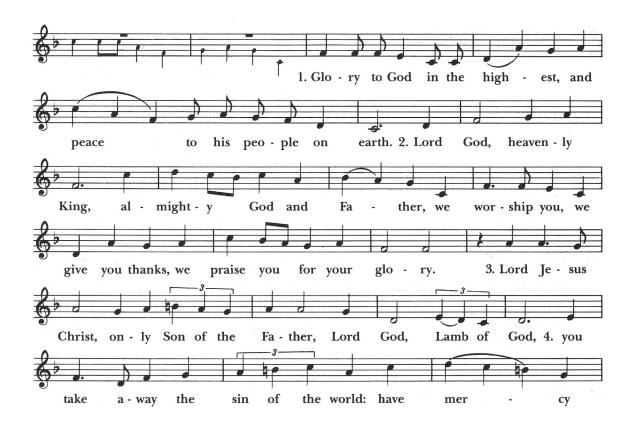
Prelude Chuck Sheaffer

Opening Hymn #390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

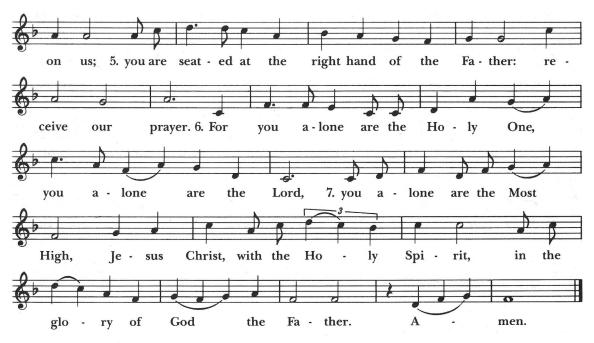
Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Gloria



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Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

The first lesson is from Ezekiel 34:11-16

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel. by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16



- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
 I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
 my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

- 3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The second reading is from 2 Timothy 4:1-8

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished

the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #691 My faith looks up to thee"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 21:15-19

Juan 21:15-19

Terminado el desayuno, Jesús le preguntó a Simón Pedro: —Simón, hijo de Juan, ¿me amas más que éstos?

Pedro le contestó: —Sí, Señor, tú sabes que te quiero.

Jesús le dijo: —Cuida de mis corderos.

Volvió a preguntarle: —Simón, hijo de Juan, ¿me amas?

Pedro le contestó: —Sí, Señor, tú sabes que te quiero.

Jesús le dijo: —Cuida de mis ovejas.

Por tercera vez le preguntó: —Simón, hijo de Juan, ¿me quieres?

Pedro, triste porque le había preguntado por tercera vez si lo quería, le contestó: —Señor, tú lo sabes todo: tú sabes que te quiero.

Jesús le dijo: —Cuida de mis ovejas. Te aseguro que cuando eras más joven, te vestías para ir a donde querías; pero cuando ya seas viejo, extenderás los brazos y otro te vestirá, y te llevará a donde no quieras ir.

Al decir esto, Jesús estaba dando a entender de qué manera Pedro iba a morir y a glorificar con su muerte a Dios. Después le dijo: — ¡Sígueme!

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Deacon Greg Masztal

Stillness - the prayer bowl rings to take us in and out of a time of stillness and reflection.

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

Reconciliation

The Deacon calls us to confession.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence.

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.

The Priest proclaims God's forgiveness.

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 neverfailing 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 of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #594 "God of grace and God of glory" Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

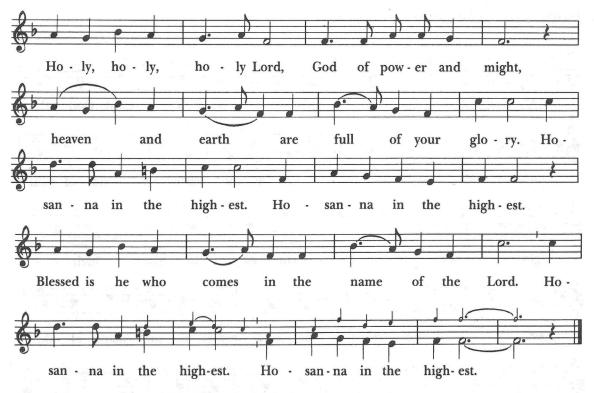
We lift them to the Lord.

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,



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.

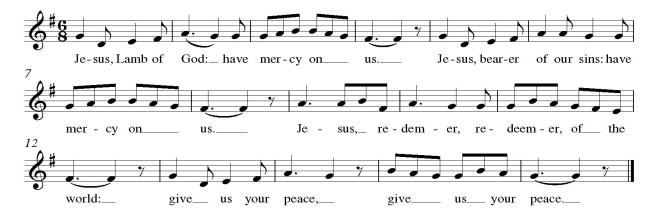
AMEN.

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



Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia



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 #304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Extending Our Eucharistic Gathering

A representative of the parish's Eucharistic Visitors comes forward to receive the bread and wine reserved for those who are sick or otherwise unable to join us in person.

In the name of us all at St Paul's Episcopal Church, we send our Eucharistic Visitors forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom they go may share with us in this Holy Communion of Christ's body and blood. May they with whom these gifts are shared remain bound to us, and we to them.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

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 #411 "O bless the Lord, my soul"
Dismissal

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Chuck Sheaffer

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SJRAISE-June is Immigration Month in EDSJ!

This year we are supporting Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. The box labelled SJRAISE will be available to receive donations through July 13.

<u>July 9, 6:30 pm</u>-Conversation reviewing <u>Beyond Welcome</u> by Karen Gonzalez Questions? Contact Canon Anna, canonanna@diosanjoaquin.org, and the Diocesan website, diosanjoaquin.org, Friday Reflection for the ZOOM links.



Prayer and Praise Remember those who have asked for our prayers

Deacon George, Paige, Susan, Robin, Priscella, Loretta, Bonnie, Clare, Michael, Susan, Ishmael, Mary, Bob, Howard, JoHanna, Cherie, Annamary, Ginny, Keith, Brett, Bill, Katharine, Marissas, Cammie, Roy, Judy, Mike, Kathy, Jose, Anna, Rex, Lora, Al, Tom, Susie, Hugh, Elizabeth, Esmeralda, Caelie, Hennie, Janice, Susie, Joey, Erin

Those who have passed away:

Elaine Paradis Mary Kinnaman Olga Lorenzetti Susan Tupper Anna VandePol Bob Servalli

Those in the Military:

CPT Sam Birch, USA
CPT Fred Campbell, USAF
CPT Jenavieve Campbell, USAF
PO1st Class Johnny Olmos, US Coast Guard
SGT Carson Repan, USAF
LTC Nathaniel P. Wallace, USAFR

Leaders and Ministries of St. Paul's:

The Clergy, Vestry & Wardens & Sunday School



The flowers at the altar today
are given to
The Glory of God by Stephanie Gilmer in memory of her
Beloved Father

COMING EVENTS

TODAY! 5th Sunday Forum at Coffee Hour

Hear about ministries, Vestry activities, and plans for our future together.

Pride Fundraiser Lunch and Movie

Following the forum, we will be offering a lunch and movie in return for a donation. Funds raised will go to MoPride to assist with Pride events in Modesto. The movie, 'Pride', tells the story of a group of LGBTQ+ young people who decided to stand in solidarity with Welsh miners during the strikes of the early 1980s. It is both funny and moving, but also contains some coarse language and sexual themes. Bring your friends, whether they come to church or not. All are welcome!

Would you be interested in a one-day Summer Retreat?

Fr. Brian is considering offering a one-day retreat, July 12th, focused on the Rule of St. Benedict (St. Benedict's Day is July 11th). If this is something you might be interested in, please add your name to the sheet in the church narthex.

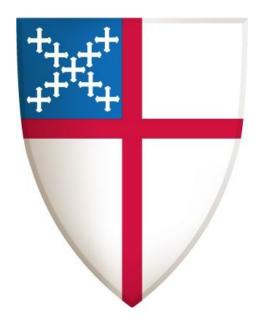
June Ministry Schedule

Dates	June 1st	June 8 th	June 15 th	June 22 nd	June 29th
Clergy	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian D'con Greg
Acolytes	Judy T.	Nancy S.	Judy T.	Nancy S.	Judy T. Nancy S.
	Nancy S. Gabe T.	Joyce B. Evelyn	Jim P.	Gabe T. Carlos M.	Alex S.
Eucharis- tic Minis- ter	Linda L.	Sarah H.	Stephanie G.	Joyce B. Sarah H.	
Lectors	Judy T. Linda L.	Stephanie H-W. Joyce B. Barbara V.	Stephanie G. Barbara V.	Stephanie H-W. Linda L.	Alex S. Nancy S.
Intercessor	Joyce B.	Deacon Greg	Peter K.	Lora B.	Luis M.
Ushers	Claudine Phil M.	Carolyn David L.	David L. Ishmael H.	Greg B. Carolyn L.	Claudine Phil M.
Greeters	Claudine Phil M.	Carolyn Lynelle	Ishmael H. David L.	Greg B. Carolyn L.	Claudine Phil M.
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Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List





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Please note that today's service is being livestreamed on Facebook. If you prefer not to appear on camera, we kindly ask that you sit on the side of the church behind the camera.



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