

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026



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: #191 Alleluia, Alleluia!

In the name of God; Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Pause

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We sit for the first readings

The First Reading – Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18



- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Reading – 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn – # 651 This is my Father's world

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

He has defeated the powers of death.

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading – John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon – Rev. Kathie Galicia

Following the sermon we spend some time in stillness. The beginning and end of this time is marked by the ringing of the prayer bowl.

Nicene Creed

During the Easter Season the creed is led from the font while the priest sprinkles the congregation with water.

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

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 Christ, crucified and risen, be with you. Alleluia!

And also with you. Alleluia!

We are encouraged to share signs of Christ's peace with those around us

Offertory Hymn - #455 "O love of God, how strong and true"

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you
for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By Christ's death he has destroyed death,
and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

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 give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love
 which you have made known to us in creation;
 in the calling of Israel to be your people;
 in your Word spoken through the prophets;
 and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

For in these last days you sent Jesus
 to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In Christ, you have delivered us from evil,
 and made us worthy to stand before you.
 In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth,
 out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us,
our Savior Jesus Christ 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 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

[Deacon] Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember Christ’s death,

We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,

We await Christ’s coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ
and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ,
through whom we are acceptable to you,
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ,
and bring us to that heavenly country where,
with [_____and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of
your children;

through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Risen Savior Christ has taught us, so 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-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

The Breaking of the Bread

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
 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 at God's table. Please indicate if you would prefer a gluten free wafer and/ or grape juice.
If you would prefer a blessing please place your hands behind your back.

Communion Hymn - #317 This is the hour of banquet and of song

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.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together.

**Loving God,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn - #492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

The Dismissal

Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins.
Go now to love and serve the Risen Lord.
Go in Peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

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Sanctuary Hosts - Fr Brian is seeking volunteers who would be willing to spend a couple of hours weekly, fortnightly or monthly to keep our church doors open. The vision is to have St Paul's front doors open at least two hours each day during the week, with signage inviting anyone looking for a place of peace and calm to come in and spend some time simply being. If this is something you could help with please talk to Fr Brian and/or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



The flowers at the altar today
are given to
The Glory of God by Nancy Silva in
Memory of her mother, Ethel Neufeld

COMING UP AT ST PAUL'S (& BEYOND)

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| May 10-15 | Fr Brian on leave; No Thursday Eucharist 5/14 |
| May 24 | Feast of Pentecost |
| May 29-30 | Diocesan Lay Ministry Conference @ ECCO |
| May 31 | Family Food & Forum |
| June 21 | Bishop Greg Kimura Visit |
| July 18 | Summer Retreat |

FAMILY FOOD AND FORUM

Following the service on Sunday May 31 we will gather in the hall for a pot-luck lunch and parish forum. For our lunch the theme is **Tastes of Home** and you're encouraged to bring something from either your homeland or your family's traditional recipes. We will also be encouraged to sit with folk we don't know so well to help us get closer together as a parish family. So start thinking about your food options and make sure May 31 is on your calendar.

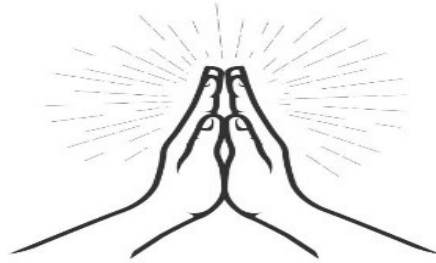
Opus Handbell Ensemble Spring Concert

Friday, May 15 at 7:00 PM in Telle Center

Enjoy an evening of beautiful handbell music with [Opus Handbell Ensemble](#), "one of Modesto's musical treasures." This spring concert will bring a vibrant mix of energy, rhythm, musical heritage, and moments of peace that are sure to leave you with some spring in your step.

Tickets: Adults \$20, Students \$15, Children under 12 free. Tickets available at the door.

Easter is Fifty Days! A reminder that we remain in the Easter Season until May 24th, so keep bringing your bells, wearing bright colors and being joyful!



Prayer and Praise

Remember those who have asked for our prayers

Bonnie, Ishmael, Mary, Bob, Howard, Cherie, Annamary, Ginny, Judy, Mike, Jose, Hennie, Kevin, Murray, Gayle, Karen, Ellen, Jim, James, Ivy, Lindsay, Susie, Anita, Roy, Linda, Sarah, Fog, Marlene, Ralph, Kimmie, Phil, Whitney, Nancy, Mudge, Sharon, Reva, Kaylee, Ron, Pedro, Sierra, Sharon, Dean, Dan, Lela

Those who have passed away:

Keith Munroe

Molouk “Ashy” Obergfoll

Those in the Military:

CPT Sam Birch, USA

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Leaders and Ministries of St. Paul’s:

The Clergy, Vestry & Wardens, Salvation Army Shelter Dinner Team

May 2026 Ministry Schedule

Dates	May 3rd	May 10th	May 17th	May 24th	May 31st
Clergy	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Rev. Kathie Dn. Greg	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg
Acolytes	Nancy S. Evelyn B.	Jim P. Alex S.	Joyce B. Judy T.	Nancy S. Alex S.	Judy T. Gabe T.
Eucharis- tic Minis- ter	Ann M.	Linda L.	Bobbi B.	Linda L.	Ann M.
Lectors	Stephanie H- W. Judy T.	Alex S. Ann M.	Judy T. Nancy S.	Theresa G. Claudine R.	Nancy S. Linda L.
Interces- sor	Rosanne M.	Luis M.	Carolyn L.	Joyce B.	Courtney S.
Ushers	Rosanne M. Carolyn L.	Luis M. David L.	Carolyn L. David L.	Claudine R. David L.	Carolyn L. Courtney S.
Greeters	Rosanne M. Carolyn L.	Luis M. Lynelle H.	Carolyn L. Lynelle H.	Claudine R. David L.	Carolyn L. Courtney S.
Vestry Rep.	Rosanne M.	Luis M.	Carolyn L.	Joyce B.	Courtney S.
Coffee Hour Host	Linda L.	Bolig Family			Family Food and Forum
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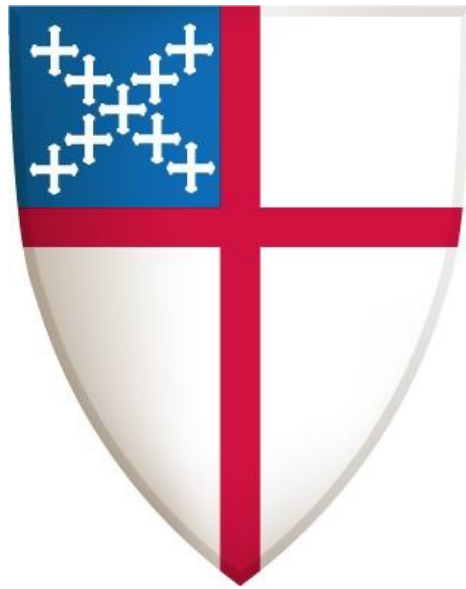
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Treasurer: Brandi Anderson

Vestry Clerk: Linda Lowe



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