

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

August 23, 2015 Year B 10:30 am Service
Season of Ordinary Time

Welcome to the House of God. As is the Episcopal tradition, and as a courtesy to others, please use the time before the service for quiet reflection and for preparing your heart for worship.

Musical Prelude

Preparation for Worship

(The People Stand.)

Processional Hymn 440

(Musician will play all hymns through once before The People begin singing.)

-The service begins on Page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer-

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Gloria S 280

Hymnal

(Lyrics also found in Book of Common Prayer, Page 356)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

(In unison)

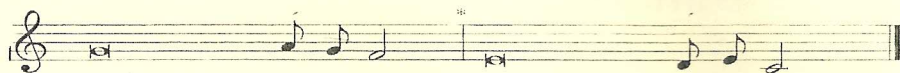
Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(The People Sit)

Psalm 34:15-22

Judy Olson, Cantor

The Cantor will chant the verses. The People will then chant the Antiphon:



Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

At the conclusion of The Lesson:

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 6: 10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

At the conclusion of The Lesson:

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

(The People Stand)

Gospel Hymn 178 (vv. 1-2 before; vv. 3-4 after)

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

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 6:56-69

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

At the conclusion of The Gospel:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you Lord Christ.

(The People Sit)

The Sermon

The Rev. Brian Palmer
A brief time of reflection follows the sermon.

(The People Stand)

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, Page 358

(The People Stand or Kneel)

Prayers of the People-I

Book of Common Prayer, Page 383
The People's response is "Lord, have mercy."

...For the special needs and concerns of our congregation and extended church family: Anne Harris Smith, Bill Baker, Anna Mae Wagner, Alva Jahnes-Smith, The Coopers, Ann Cichowski, Stevely Anderson, The Fenns, The Golowkas, The Stimsons, Dan and Sara Blair Field, Judy Olson, Connie Gannon, The Wilsons.

...For those family members, friends and neighbors whose needs are on our hearts today: (Please offer names verbally.)

...For those serving in the military: T.C. Dallmann, Jeremiah McCaslin, Kevin McCaslin

...For the recently departed:

...We give thanks today for: our lovely new processional banner, created and gifted by The Reverend Donna Ross.

(The People Kneel)

The Confession & Absolution

Book of Common Prayer, Page 360

(The People Stand)

The Peace

Welcome to Visitors; and Anniversaries

Celebration prayers are found inside the back cover of the pew Prayer Book.

The Holy Communion

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to God's table.

The Offertory

(The People Sit)

Offertory Music

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Response (The People Stand and Ushers come forward):

The Doxology #380-v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Book of Common Prayer, Page 369

Sanctus S 130 (*Holy, holy... highest.*)

Hymnal

(Lyrics also found in Book of Common Prayer, Page 371)

(The People Stand or Kneel)

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal: Inside Cover

(Lyrics also found in Book of Common Prayer, Page 364-Form II)

The Communion of the Faithful*

** Those desiring individual healing prayers may join the Prayer Leader in the front corner of the church (near St. Paul mosaic) immediately after receiving Communion. Those wishing only a blessing may cross their arms over their chest as they arrive at the communion rail.*

Prayer for Eucharistic Ministers (if applicable)

Please refer to Prayer Book's inside back cover.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 555

Today's Flowers

Are offered by

Frank and Sue Johnson

In celebration of their
56th Wedding Anniversary





The Rev. Barbara Miller
Rector at St. James, Paso Robles

Celebration of a New Ministry

Today! • 4:00 PM

St. James Episcopal Church, Paso Robles

Hope to see you there!

Did You Know?

Last week, our beloved Rector Emerita, The Rev. Donna Ross, presented the parish with a magnificent new parish banner which is on display today in the sanctuary and our beloved parish leader, Mr. Frank Schutz, designed and made its hardware. I am very grateful to both of them and thought you would like to read the background for the banner, written in Donna's own words...

When we first came to St. Paul's in 1995, St. Paul greeted us as we came in the door, and members told us stories of how the mosaic had been created, using pebbles and shells collected at Cambria beaches.

When we returned in 2015, the mosaic had been moved to the front of the church, where it can be seen during worship. Sitting in church looking at the marvelous mosaic, I saw that it could be copied as a quilted banner, to be used in diocesan processions – giving others a view into St. Paul's beautiful sanctuary.

Working on the banner became an act of prayer for me, and helped me get through my recent knee surgery. I began sewing four weeks before surgery, and returned to sewing as soon as I could afterwards. Each time I sewed, I prayed for St. Paul's Church – for its health and its ministries – and especially for individual members of the parish who need prayers. I also gave thanks that members of St. Paul's were praying for me as I recovered from surgery.

The sand dollar, used as the clasp for St. Paul's robe, was a gift from a long-ago member of St. Paul's. May the shell remind us of all the men and women of St. Paul's who, over the years, have made St. Paul's such a loving and welcoming church. Donna+





ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Brian Palmer
Parish Priest

Michelle Costa
Parish Administrator

Kate Hepworth
Music Director

Thank You For Serving Today

The Rev. Brian Palmer
Celebrant

Acolyte & Chalice

Marj Sewell
Reader/Intercessor

Carol Schutz
Healing Prayers

Bill Baker & Ann Glaser
Ushers

Dick DeLauer • Lou Ann Carter
Altar Guild

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 23

HE Services at 8 am and 10:30 am

The Rev. B. Miller's installation at 4 pm

Monday **Office Closed**
5-7 pm Adult Children of A.A. - L/C

Tuesday **Office Open***
10 am Weekly staff meeting

Wednesday **Office Open***
11:30 am-1:20 pm Women's AA (Closed)
6 pm Bible study: weekly readings

Thursday **Office Open***
8 am Men of ABC-Redwood Cafe

Friday **Office Closed**
12 pm (Apprx.) Facility cleaning

Saturday **Office Closed**
9:40 am AI Anon—L/C
2:30-4:20 pm AA Meeting- L/C

Mon-Fri **Senior Nutrition**
11:45 am Reservations: 927-1268

***Office Hrs** **Parish Admin.**
9 am- 3 pm Public office hours
3 pm- 5 pm By appointment only

Pastoral Care **Father Brian**
(310) 913.0386



Please join us in the
Parish Hall after the service
for Coffee Hour, hosted by
Carol Schutz



NEXT SUNDAY

August 30, 2015

8:00 am and 10:30 am

Readings: Wed. Aug. 26 (6 pm)

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

(All from Track II)

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