



December 1, 2024
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a diverse, inclusive community in the Episcopal Diocese of California, and are welcoming to all who attend in worship.

We're happy to have you with us today. Our worship follows the order of the Book of Common Prayer 1979 (BCP), Rite II, with music from a variety of musical resources authorized by the Episcopal Church: 1982 Hymnal, Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) and Enriching Our Worship (EOW).

The service will be posted on our Facebook page [here](#).

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the ministers.

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following is said

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 **Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.**
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 **Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 **All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies**

THE SECOND READING

I Thessalonians 3: 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21: 25-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things

that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

A period of silence is kept following the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Let us enter the season of Advent with joy and reflection as we await the fulfillment of God's promise of justice and righteousness. During this season of contemplation and anticipation, let us remember God's compassion and love, for they are everlasting. Beloved in Christ let us say:

Lord, make us increase and abound in love for one another.

Remember us according to your love.

Heavenly Father, our spiritual leaders strive to model your teachings and dedicate their lives in service to you. May they continue to strive to be humble and righteous in a world that constantly places obstacles in their paths. Sustain them as they work tirelessly in your name, not for fame or fortune, but for the remembrance of your love and the sake of your goodness.

Lord, make us increase and abound in love for one another.

Remember us according to your love.

Continue to bless and protect our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Austin, our Rector Mauricio, our Priest Christian, our Archdeacon Carolyn and Deacon Gary, our seminarians Cara and Rachel, and all laity who answered your call to serve you. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Clement's, Berkeley, whose feast day is Clement of Alexandria and St. Ambrose, Foster City, whose feast day is Ambrose, Bishop of Milan.

Lord, make us increase and abound in love for one another.

Remember us according to your love.

Lord God, let us not be weighed down by the worries of this life. Do not let our enemies, vices, or sins triumph over us. Remind us to be humble and seek you at all times; show us your light in all that we do. We pray for our brothers and sisters from every walk of life, religion, and situation. Keep us on your path of love and faithfulness, so that our transgressions are fewer and fewer. Make our leaders ever mindful that those who are treacherous will be disappointed in their schemes.

Lord, make us increase and abound in love for one another.

Remember us according to your love.

Heavenly Father, you provide us with signs for change and transition, offering the sprouting fig leaves and roaring waves to heighten our awareness. While we marvel at the resilience of our planet, let us be vigilant in caring for the earth. Help us reduce our contributions to its distress, extreme weather, pollution, and overuse of its precious resources. Let all of your creatures have access to clean air, fresh water, and edible plants; provide food security across nations, racial divides and economic divides, cultural differences.

Lord, make us increase and abound in love for one another.

Remember us according to your love.

Heavenly father, lead us in your truth and direct our way to you. Restore peace and prosperity to our beloved Oakland community, heal the divides in our nation, and foster peace throughout the world. Our hearts are weighed down by the worries of this life. Be our guard and our healing balm, restoring what is lacking in our faith.

Lord, make us increase and abound in love for one another.

Remember us according to your love.

Lord, you remind us that, though heaven and earth will pass away, your words will not pass away. As our beloved siblings of every age and circumstance transition from this life, let them put their trust in you and stay steadfast in their hope of seeing you face to face. Grant us comfort and peace as we mourn; may we always remember to give thanks for the blessing of their lives and your everlasting love.

Lord, make us increase and abound in love for one another.

Remember us according to your love.

The Celebrant adds the collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion

Here are ways to contribute to the mission and ministry of the parish:

Text to Give: Text the word “GIVE” to phone number 510-900-7759.

Online giving: Go to <https://stpaulsoakland.breezechms.com/give/> online or scan this QR Code:



Paypal contribution: scan this QR Code:



All stand as the Celebrant raises the offerings and together sing the Doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Music: Old 100th

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant, says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be Incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant then continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 blessed Paul, Alexander, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then is said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant invites all to God's table saying

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 at the Lord's table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. To receive Communion in your pew, please ask an usher to notify the ministers on your behalf. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask at the altar rail.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received Communion, people stand or kneel as the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people.

All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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December 2024



Special Events & Concerts

Saturday, December 7, 4:00pm

Concert. Harmonies of the Season. Pacific Boychoir Academy

A program of rich harmonies and lasting melodies that evoke the majesty and spirit of the holidays!

Sunday, December 8, 4:00pm

Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols. St. Paul's Choir, organ.

A festive and inspiring introduction to the Season of Light and Joy.

Saturday, December 14, 3:00pm

Silent Movies & Christmas Party (with organ!). Ben Bachmann, organ.

An afternoon of family-friendly silent short films, accompanied by Benjamin Bachmann on the organ. Sponsored by the San Francisco Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Sunday, December 15, Noon

Cookies & Carols Sing-along. Ben Bachmann, piano.

Pull out your Christmas sweater, sing your favorite Christmas carols, and munch on homemade treats!

Friday, December 20, 8:00pm and

Saturday, December 21, 8:00pm

Two Concerts. Wintersongs by Candlelight. Kitka Women's Vocal Ensemble.

Kitka's 2024 Wintersongs offering follows the arc of the supra, a traditional Georgian ritual feast in which all present are encouraged to contemplate the things in life that uplift and connect us.

Sunday, December 22, 4:00pm, Concert

Christmas in the Edge: Voices from the Pacific Rim.

San Francisco Choral Artists. Magen Soloman, Artistic Director.

A musical exploration of the celestial events of Christmas and the Winter Solstice.

Sunday, December 22, 8:00pm

COMPLINE. A Capella with St. Paul's Choir.

Prayers for the end of the day. Gregorian chant and polyphony in candlelight.

CHRISTMAS EVE, Tuesday, December 24

5:00pm, FAMILY Christmas Service. Organ.

Familiar carols and our annual Christmas Pageant performed by children of the parish.

10:30pm, CONCERT: A Carol Prelude. St. Paul's Choir, Organ.

Join us on the most holy of nights for Christmas carols and beloved hymns.

11:00pm, Candlelight MIDNIGHT MASS. St. Paul's Choir, Organ.

Traditional candlelight service and first Mass of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS DAY, Wednesday, December 25

10:00am, Mass of Christmas Day. St. Paul's Choir, Organ.

Traditional service of Christmas Day.

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Prayer requests for you or a loved one may be communicated by placing a note in the offering plate. We will include them in our regular prayer concerns. You may also send prayer requests to prayers@stpaulsoakland.org.

Tito Alvarez
 Catherine Ann
 Kathleen Jean Anthony
 Gwendolyn Austin
 Stephanie Azlin-Carr
 Anne Barclay
 Dr. Basdeo Balkissoon
 Aaron A. Benjamin
 Peter & Karen Bennett
 Isaac Berry
 Lisa Bishop
 Kate Britton
 Dani Juni Bruyn
 Knox Bruyn
 Helena Busquets
 Miguel Chamorro
 Cheryl Clausen
 Sister Rose Coleman
 Martika Crawford
 John Ross Devlin
 Victoria Maxine Devlin
 Edwina Devlin
 Brian Faucette
 Jewelle Gibbs
 Alexander Glenn

Grace Gough
 Larry Gray
 Londell Guffen
 Vincent Hall
 Chrystina Harris
 Michelle Hartmann
 David Holley
 Sharon Hyde
 Nick Indehar
 Gregory Jackson
 Peter Johnson
 Bethann Johnson
 Fred Juni
 Priscilla Kingston
 Alex Krueger
 Reginald & Theresa Lane
 Natalie Lehman-
 Buckingham
 Vita Lopata
 Rafael Martin
 Nicole McClain
 James Meredith
 Bryan Patterson
 Roberta Paul
 Garrett Petersen

Mark Pingree
 David Raskin
 Joel Reyna
 Jessica Rojas
 Manny Smith
 Thomas Spitz
 Paul Sporer
 Ramona Terry
 Cheryl Ting
 Cheryl Torrance
 Cary Virtue
 Nancy & William Walker
 Renee Walker-Bolden
 JoAnna Bradley-
 Winchester
 James Winchester
 Robert Wright

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VESTRY

Class of 2024
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 Daniel (Digger) Lauter

Class of 2026
 David Anderson—Clerk
 Paula Hawthorn
 Doug Jensen

**LITURGICAL
SCHEDULE**

Sundays

8 AM Spoken Eucharist

10 AM Choral Eucharist

Fourth Sundays

8 PM Compline in the
Church

Second Sundays

4 PM Evensong in the
Church

Wednesdays

12:10 PM Spoken Eucharist
Livestream

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson
Rector

Assisting

The Rev. Christian Harding
Assisting Priest

Deacon

The Ven. Canon Carolyn Bolton
Archdeacon

Altar Guild

Alice Brilmayer, Lisa Strait, Linda
Joseph

**The Sacrament of
Reconciliation may be
scheduled with any priest.**

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agreements: Church Hymnal
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OneLicense.net

WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING

Parking is available in the Senior Center/ Veteran's Memorial Building lot (across Bay Place from the church) for Sunday services. Street parking is unrestricted on Sundays, but metered/2-hour limit all other days. Additional paid parking is available at Children's Fairyland on Grand Ave. and at lots at 155 Grand Ave. and at W 23rd St. & Waverly (behind 180 Grand Ave.). The nearest BART station is the 19th Avenue stop, a .7 mile walk.



Event Notification: If you would like to receive information on St. Paul's events and ministries, or receive a call from clergy, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and place in the collection plate or sign the visitor book in the Narthex. **To join our email list, sign up on our website, www.stpaulsoakland.org**

Parishioner Directories are available in either printed or digital form. To request your copy please call or email (510.834.4314 Ext. 501/ admin@stpaulsoakland.org).

The Restroom

There are two restrooms available during worship: one at the back of the church in the Mustard Seeds Room, and one in the ambulatory (front of the church) on the epistle (right side facing the altar, through the doorway) side. If you require an accessible restroom please ask an usher for assistance.

Our Vision

St. Paul's dares to be an open embracing community: discovering, celebrating, and sharing the Love of Christ.

Our Mission

St. Paul's invites you to a spiritual journey: to love God and your neighbors near and far; to worship, pray and serve joyfully in our community; to strive to become more Christ-like in living out the promises of our baptism that all may know Christ's healing love.



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