THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
WELCOME TO ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a diverse, inclusive community in the Episcopal Diocese of California. We are a member of Integrity, the LGBTQ+ ministry of the Episcopal Church, 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).

Join the service Live Stream on our Facebook page here.
The Word of God

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

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People: His mercy endureth for ever.
Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
Silence may be kept.

Minister and People
Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ have mercy upon us.
Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

All sit.

THE FIRST READING  Exodus 3: 1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the
Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

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

PSALM 63: 1-8

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
   my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
   that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
   my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
   and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
   and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
   and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, *
   and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; *
   your right hand holds me fast.
I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

All stand.


Deacon  The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People  Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish.
just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vine-
yard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to
the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit
on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be
wasting the soil? ' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I
dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and
good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Anne Jensen

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, eter-
nally 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 suf-
fered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in ac-
cordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seat-
ed 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 pro-
ceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Proph-
ets. 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.
Dearest Lord Jesus, hear us when we praise You. And with our living voices we ask that You grant our prayers.

For as long as we live  
**We will praise You**

For the Church Temporal, in all of her aspects, we pray You give Her life and breath to serve you and spread Your Gospel. And grant, dear Lord, that we can be Her arms and actions so as to live in Your ways.

For as long as we live  
**We will praise You**

For all the servants of Your Children, we pray You give them strength, wisdom and open hearts. May Joseph our president, Diane, Alex and Barbara, and all who work for us, walk in wisdom and compassion.

For as long as we live  
**We will praise You**

For our living home, this perfect Earth, let us live and work to repair and protect the cradle of Your gift of Life. And with our life and breath may we protect all living things that Earth brings forth.

For as long as we live  
**We will praise You**

For our cities, held by the Bay. So much beauty and so much suffering, so much work for us to do. Give us the will, dear Jesus, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless and welcome the stranger, so we might manifest Your holy will in our glowing cities.

For as long as we live  
**We will praise You**

Let us use our breath to comfort. Comfort all who are sick or tired or frightened. Your sweet will cannot be done except through us. Give to us the life to do that holy will.

For as long as we live  
**We will praise You**

And when we leave or are left, let Your light eternal shine on all who go and all who grieve. You are the source of all comfort and as we live we show Your love.

For as long as we live  
**We will praise You**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*
THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of God 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:
THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380, Verse 3
Music: Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer I

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.
Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

_Celebrant and People_

_Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:_
_Heaven and earth are full of thy glory._
_Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High._
_Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord._
_Hosanna in the highest._

_The people kneel or stand._

_Then the Celebrant continues_

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with
thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The following anthem is said

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The following prayer is said.

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.
**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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sundays
8 AM  Spoken Eucharist
10 AM  Choral Eucharist

Fourth Sundays
8 PM  Compline in the Church

First Sundays
4 PM  Evensong in the Church

Wednesdays
12:10 PM  Spoken Eucharist Livestream

Celebrant
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Rector

Preacher
The Rev. Anne Jensen
Assisting Priest

Assisting
The Rev. Christian Harding
Assisting Priest

Deacon
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Archdeacon

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be scheduled with any priest.

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**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](http://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.

**Questions?**

Don’t hesitate to ask an usher for help if you require any assistance.