**ST. PAUL’S**

**ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**VISALIA, CALIFORNIA**

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

10:30 A.M

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**Welcome!**

St. Paul’s Anglican Church extends a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers, whether worshiping in person or at home via livestream.

**Visitors’ Guide**

St. Paul’s Church is a parish in the Diocese of San Joaquin of the Anglican Church in North America, which includes both Catholic and Protestant traditions. We accept Jesus Christ as Savior, and we promise to follow him as Lord. We believe in One God,

* the Father who created us and all things,
* the Son who redeems us from sin and death,
* the Holy Spirit who renews and sanctifies us.

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary for salvation, and we accept the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds as essential beliefs of the Christian faith.

All followers of Jesus who are baptized in the name of the Trinity are invited to receive Holy Communion. If for whatever reason you feel you cannot receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate you’d like a blessing by crossing your arms. All people are welcome at the Altar of the Lord.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest book at the entrance table and introduce themselves to the clergy following the service.

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**Opening Hymn:** **Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word**

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Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

Collect for Purity

**People: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.**

Summary of the law

*Celebrant:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul

and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

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Description automatically generatedThe Kyrie

Gloria*A close up of a piece of paper

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*Celebrant*  The Lord be with you.

**People And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever**. Amen**

**Lesson****: Genesis 32:3-8,22-30**

And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, 4 instructing them, “Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, ‘I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. 5 I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.’”

6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him.” 7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, 8 thinking, “If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape.”

22 The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. 24 And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” 27 And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” 28 Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.”

29 Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him.

30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**

**Gradual** **Psalm** 121

1 I will lift up my eyes unto the hills; \*

from whence comes my help?

2 My help comes from the LORD, \*

who has made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved, \*

and he who keeps you will not sleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps Israel \*

shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD himself is your keeper; \*

the LORD is your defense upon your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not burn you by day, \*

neither the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*

indeed, it is he who shall keep your soul.

8 The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in, \* from this time forth for evermore.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

**Epistle:** **2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

4 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus**

*(Verse 1-2 before Gospel and verse 3 after)*

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*Clergy:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

according to St. Luke

**People: Glory to you, Lord God**

**Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” 6 And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

*Clergy*: The Gospel of the Lord  
**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. robert longbottom

The Nicene Creed

*The people stand*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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,**

**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

*The People kneel or are seated if unable to kneel*

*The Deacon or other person appointed says these prayers. Reader pauses after each bidding, and the people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying,

“Hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For *Stephen*, our Archbishop, and *Eric*, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially *Donald* our President and *Gavin* our Governor.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

In the St. Paul’s cycle of prayer we pray for all ministries of mission and outreach to our community and in the world. We pray specifically for the medical mission to Honduras, St. Paul’s School, Visalia Senior Housing, Turning Point ministries and all ministries which we support as a parish.

*Reader*  Lord, in your mercy:

*People*  **Hear our prayer.**

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others: Bishop Jeff Bailey and his wife Alicia; and Bishop Brian Wallace and his wife, Lisa.

*Reader*  Lord, in your mercy:

*People*  **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_].

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_,] in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant says a concluding prayer*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has

promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and

with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver

you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**.

The Peace

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**PeopleAnd with your spirit.**

Offertory Bell Choir Anthem:

*Peaceful Blessing*

by Dimitri Bortniansky, arr. Sandra Eithun

The Doxology

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Offertory

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord,

**People And of your own have we given you.**

The Eucharistic Liturgy

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**PeopleAnd with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**PeopleWe lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PeopleIt is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

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*The People kneel or are seated if unable to kneel*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ

into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **Amen**

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

**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**

Fraction

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Prayer for Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,**

**trusting in our own righteousness,**

**but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up**

**the crumbs under your table;**

**but you are the same Lord**

**whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,**

**so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,**

**and to drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,**

**and our souls washed through his most precious blood,**

**and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.**

**Amen**

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The Ministration of Communion

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.

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The Post Communion Prayer

*The People kneel or are seated if unable to kneel*

Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father,**

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**

**of the most precious Body and Blood**

**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**

**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

**that we are living members of the body of your Son,**

**and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have**

**given us to do,**

**to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our**

**Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**

**be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.Closing Hymn: O Worship the King**

*Deacon* Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**St. Paul’s Parish Calendar**

**Sunday, October 19 to Sunday, October 26**

**SUNDAY, October 19 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:15 AM Sunday Funday, Youth Room

9:15 AM Sunday Morning Class, Conference Room

9:30 AM Bell Choir Practice, Church

10:30 AM Children’s Sunday School,

Pre-K – 1st Grade, Sunday School Room.

2nd -6th Grade, Youth Room

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Church

**MONDAY, October 20**

**TUESDAY, October 21**

6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

**WEDNESDAY, October 22**

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel

10:15 AM Bible Study, Conference Room

5:00PM Community, Practicing the Way 5PM Class

6:00 PM Dinner, James Hall

6:45 PM Evening Program for all ages

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

**THURSDAY, October 23**

**FRIDAY, October 24**

6:30 AM Men’s Bible Study, Valhalla Restaurant

**SATURDAY, October** **25**

**SUNDAY, October 26 –Sunday after Pentecost**

9:15 AM Sunday Funday, Youth Room

9:15 AM Sunday Morning Class, Conference Room

9:30 AM Choir Practice, Music Room

10:30 AM Children’s Sunday School,

Pre-K – 1st Grade, Sunday School Room.

2nd -6th Grade, Youth Room

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Church

4:00 – 6:00 PM Trunk or Treat, Church Parking Lot

6:00 – 7:00 PM Family Dinner, James Hall

**Church Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**Announcements**

**Operation Christmas Child. Coordinator: Mark Morales**

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan’s Purse in which local churches help fill special shoe boxes with toiletries and a small Christmas gift for needy children around the world. Shoe boxes with supplies and gifts need to be completed by November 16 to get into the hands of needy children by Christmas. Our Operation Christmas Child outreach coordinator is Mark Morales. He will be making announcements in church and is available to answer any questions on Sunday mornings at church.

**Sunday Morning Class, Conference Room**

**The Lord and His Prayer**

**Sundays, October 26, 9:15-10:00AM**

Our Sunday morning class is exploring the Lord’s Prayer as a primer for growing in prayer in our Christian life. This opportunity to explore the Lord’s prayer is open to all members of the congregation and is beneficial to those who are just learning to use prayer at a deeper level and for those who have a meaningful prayer life. We will be using three resources for this class: *The Anglican Catechism: The Lord’s Prayer and the Christian Life*; Tim Keller’s book *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*; and NT Wright’s *The Lord and His Prayer*.

October 26 For thine is the Kingdom, the power and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 26, 4:00-6:00PM**

Our Trunk-R-Treat will be Sunday 10/26 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. After the Trunk-R-Treat is over we will have a simple "family dinner" in the fellowship hall with some fun table games. The dinner will be from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. We are not having any special theme for the trunks this year, just the same parameters as usual, so that we should keep our decorations positive and not have anything too dark and spooky. Right now, our focus is on signing up volunteers for trunks, supervising the parish hall, and running our minute-to-win-it games. Please contact Deacon John, [family@spvisalia.com](mailto:family@spvisalia.com), if you would like to sign up to serve or if you would like to do a trunk! Also, be sure to spread the word!

**Daylight Savings is Sunday, November 2**

Do not forget to turn back your clocks on Saturday evening, November 1. If you forget you will be at church an hour early. Coffee will be available for all the early birds.

**Baptism of Cillian Blake Schneemann, November 9**

On August 13, Blake and Madelynn Schemman welcomed Cillian Blake into the world. Join us on Sunday, November 9, for his baptism and welcome into the household of God.

**Please rsvp by calling the church office by**

**MONDAY AFTERNOON**



**Menu October 22**





**Fried Chicken** **Mash Potatoes**

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**Sweet Buttered Corn** **Green Salad**

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**Rolls & Butter**



**Dessert: Bread Pudding**

**with Caramel Sauce**

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Shane Motl, Sexton

**Next Week’s Lessons**

Jeremiah 14:1-10, 19-22

Psalm 84

2 Timothy 4:6-18

Luke 18:9-14

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God,

by Steve Fuller, in loving memory

of my mother Eleanor Dennis.