St. Paul's/San Pablo Episcopal Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

November 8, 2026



St. Paul's Episcopal Mission was born in 1922, and erected in 1924

7843 Park Place Blvd. Houston, TX 77087

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, **9 A.M-2 P.M**

Friday. Closed

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Simón Bautista
Celebrant

Liturgy of the Word

Processional	***"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"***	Hymn 690
Salutation Eucharist Rite II		BCP 355
Gloria		S-280
Collect of the Day		BCP 236
First Reading		Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
Psalm 70		BCP 682
Second Reading		1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Sequence	***"Praise our great and gracious Lord"***	Hymn 393
The Holy Gospel		Matthew 25:1-13
Sermon		The Rev. Simón Bautista
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form IV		BCP 388
The Confession of Sin		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory	***"Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"***	Hymn 574
The Doxology		Hymn 380
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus		S-129
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
Communion	***"Let all mortal flesh keep silence"***	Hymn 324
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Recessional	***"Rejoice! rejoice, believers"***	Hymn 68

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in this church.
Please maintain devotional silence during the administration of the Elements

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The Collect

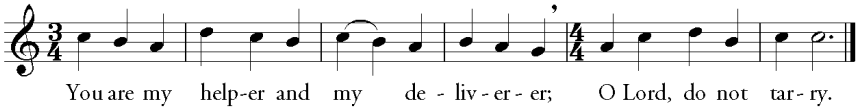
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

The Word of Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 70



1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the

clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

The Gospel
Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ!

To those worshiping with us for the first time: Welcome to St. Paul's! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today and hope that your experience is rewarding. If there is anything we can do for you, feel free to contact us. We would like to get acquainted with you!

OPEN DOORS – OPEN HEARTS

WE ARE A FAMILY OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Mission Statement of St Paul's/San Pablo:

Our doors and our hearts are open to *everyone* who seeks to know God.

In our prayer this week, let us lift up…

- **The Archbishop of Canterbury** – Sarah
- **Our Presiding Bishop** – Sean
- **Our Bishops** – Andy, Kay, Jeff, Hector, & Brian
- **For our elected officials,** so that, through their leadership, we may lead a peaceful and tranquil life in the service of God and for His honor and glory.
- **Our Church Family** – for those in leadership and for every member of St. Paul's, both present and absent
- **Those who are sick**
- **Those who have died**

Those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Sunday Worship Ministry Schedule
Today's Servers

Role	Names
L.E.M.	**Shannon**
Lectors	**Mary & Bernadette**
Ushers	**David**
Oblationers	**Linda & Rachel**
Altar Guild	**Linda, Rachel & Bernadette**

Clergy and Staff Serving St. Paul's

Position	Name
Interim Vicar	Rev. Simón Bautista
Vicar Assistant	Rev. Misael Pacheco Guevara
Organist	Phil Scoles
Choir Director	Kari Zimmerman
Music	Marco Gutiérrez
Office Administrator	Irene Aguirre González



In Loving Memory

Sue Friend

FAITHFUL SERVANT OF
THE ALTAR GUILD

St. Paul's / San Pablo Episcopal Church
Park Place Blvd, Houston

Heavenly Father,
we give thanks for the life of
Sue Friend, a faithful and devoted
member of the Altar Guild at
St. Paul's/San Pablo Episcopal Church,
who served with dedication,
kindness, and a humble heart
for many years.

Thank You, Lord, for her faithful
service, the quiet acts of love,
and the care she gave in preparing
Your house for worship. May her
devotion be a lasting example
to all of us.

We ask You now to welcome her
into Your eternal peace, to comfort
her son and daughters, her family,
her friends, and our church family,
and to grant them the strength,
hope, and peace that only You can give.

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Forever in our prayers
and in our hearts.

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Rooted in Faith

Growing in Gratitude





Our first church · 1943



Groundbreaking · 1947



Looking toward Advent

This autumn, we thank God for our families, our friends, and the generations who have helped our congregation grow. As Advent draws near, may we carry that gratitude forward and make room for Christ and for one another.

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Urgent prayers for the sick

Heavenly Father, we ask you to watch over and give strength to your flock in their time of need.

Clint
Tom C.
Betty J.
Don E.
Aaron C.
Greg W.
Denise G.
Melissa B.
Gigi K.
Lou F.
Scott A.
Norma M.
Erika O.
Tammy T.
Randy H.
Peggy F.
Peggy H.
Maury F.
Ray R.
Jenny G.
Carrie L.
Eva Marie V.
Roy R. III
Laura H.
Joey
Christopher M.
Lidia B.
Bill R.
Mary Grace L.
Rose M.

All people suffering from natural disasters.
For all who suffer from acts of Violence.

Worship service

Holy Eucharist

Sunday (*English*) 9:30 AM

Sunday (*Spanish*) 12:00 PM

Wednesday (*Spanish*) 7:00 PM

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