



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, March 26, 2017, the Fourth Sunday in Lent

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We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. Please fill out the newcomer card in the pew and place it in the collection plate or give it to a member of the clergy. Following the service, the clergy will be standing near the doors to greet you. We encourage you to join us for coffee hour in Duncan Hall. For more information about St. Paul's, please visit [www.StPaulsSanRafael.org](http://www.StPaulsSanRafael.org) or call our office at 415.456.4842.

At St. Paul's we are all called to follow Jesus together in worship, prayer and service.

### WORSHIP

*The service begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

Prelude	The Lord's Prayer	John Fischer
Opening Hymn	Swing Low	<i>Insert</i>
Kyrie	S-86 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	23	BCP p. 612
Gradual	S-102	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	Peace Like a River	<i>Insert</i>

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive initiation into the church through the sacrament of baptism.*

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-124	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-161	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	Taste and See	<i>Insert</i>
Closing Hymn	Standin' in the Need of Prayer	<i>Insert</i>
Postlude	His Eye is on the Sparrow	Charles Gabriel

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Funeral Planning.** The Lenten Speaker Series brought to you by the St. Paul's Legacy Program continues today from 11:30-12:30 in the Church. Fr. Christopher Martin and organist Michael Struck will lead us through the Episcopal Funeral service, read the scriptures offered as choices, and play appropriate hymns. We'll provide forms so you can have your preferences on file at the church. Next week, Legacy Advisor Melanie Vetter will show us how to write Legacy Letters that share our values, traditions, stories, wisdom and love with the people we care about.

**Basic Discipleship** continues on Tuesdays at 8:30am in Duncan Hall. In this five week, hour-long class learn to pray, tell your story and healthy ways to be in a small group.

**Re-Finance Your Spirituality.** Invest in a 3-Day Weekend of discussion, laughter, music and superlative food. In return you get a lifetime of renewed joy and confidence in the future. Give you faith a chance to blossom and grow:

2017 Men's Cursillo Weekend- March 23-26

2017 Women's Cursillo Weekend- March 30- April 1

Contact Linda Bell for information. 408-373-3537. [www.marincursillo.com](http://www.marincursillo.com)

**As we move into Lent,** we tone down the Church to reflect the season's somber mood. No altar flowers, we replace the silver with pottery, cover all the crosses with purple. And because the pottery chalices are a little awkward to handle, requiring more use of our linens, we switch from red wine to white, to save the wear and tear on the linens. If you have questions, please reach out to Judy Rowcliffe; 415 456 4131; [jrowcliffe@comcast.net](mailto:jrowcliffe@comcast.net).

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Ronnie Dodds, Fiona McDermott
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Ronnie Dodds, Dennis Puccinelli
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

*Note: This event happened yesterday.*

An ancient Christian practice is to read the entire Psalter, all 150 psalms, at one time. I first heard about the practice in an account of Little Gidding, which was a small community of devoted Christian families in England in the 17th century. They would start reading the psalms after Compline, at night, and then stay up all night.

We aren't going to be nearly so rigorous as all of that! The Rev. Daniel London, the Vicar of Redeemer Episcopal Church and the head of our Marin Episcopal Youth Group, and I will be saying the whole Psalter starting at 2pm this Saturday, March 25th. This Psalm-athon will be at Redeemer Church, which is at 123 Knight Drive in San Rafael. We expect to be done well before 9pm.

You are free to drop by at any time and stay as long or as little as you like. Daniel and I, and I suspect a few others, are committed to be there for the whole thing. There is a very powerful cumulative effect where, after a while, time takes on an eerie quality. It passes by neither quickly or slowly. It is like a taste of Kairos, or God time. I have done this eight of nine times, and every time, by the end, I feel as though I have been on a multi-day retreat.

There will be a single sheet there that will explain our simple way of proceeding. In essence, we each take turns declaring how the next psalm will be done. Examples include unison, responsively, said antiphonally, song antiphonally and one person simply speaking alone. We will take a few brief breaks to stretch our legs and one longer break for a light supper.

This ancient experience is an excellent way to mark this Holy Christian season of Lent. We hope to see you and say a few psalms with you.

Blessings,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Arty	Della Holloway	Lisa R	Rosa Montes
Bill Donnelly	Elizabeth S	Marcella Hermstad	Richard F
Bill Tate	Grace Michael	Mark Hardin	Sandy G
Cathy	Jennifer Fritz	Mika Kappen & Family	Syrian Refugees
Dan Pollart & Family	Kairos Inside San Quentin	Pat David Binkley	The Rev. Stefani Schatz
Deborah	Laurel	Phyllis	The Rev. Vanessa Glass

## SERVICE

**Teen Success Breakfast:** Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Beverly Armstrong at 415.454.4015 or nevbev@sbcglobal.net.

**San Rafael Health Care:** Services 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 11:00 – 11:25. Help us with the simple service. Children are welcome. Contact Sue Adamson at 415.461.1798.

**Prison Ministry:** St. Paul's has been engaged in regular visitations and correspondence for 20 years with Joseph Cook, a death row inmate at San Quentin who was confirmed by Bishop Swing as a member of our Church. The prison ministry has grown and the rector and other parishioners are now visiting Joe and six other inmates. For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

## ONGOING

**Plate Cash:** 1st Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund; 3rd Sunday goes to Outreach.

**Childcare:** Sundays from 9:30 to 11:00am, childcare is available in the Basement Level classroom.

**Marin Episcopal Youth Group:** Sundays from 5-6:30pm at Church of the Redeemer in San Rafael. Middle and high school students from 5 Marin churches. Daniel London, youth minister, daniel.london@gmail.com.

**Centering Prayer:** Meditation in the Christian tradition. Join us in Duncan Hall on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm. Leave a message for Chris Olson at the parish office at 415.456.4842.

**Our Spiritual Core:** Discipleship Groups are the spiritual core of St. Paul's because they are where we encourage one another to follow Jesus in worship, prayer, and service. Contact Christopher Martin at 415.456.4842 or cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org.

**Altar Flower Dedications:** Looking for a way to honor a loved one, give thanks or remember a special occasion? You can by dedicating the flowers at the altar. A donation of \$40 is suggested. Contact Alex Elliot at 415.488.7930.

**Memorial Wall Plaques:** Contact the office if you would like to purchase a plaque to be inscribed with the name of a loved one who has died.

**St. Anne's Guild:** St. Anne's Guild meets Thursdays at 11:00am. All are invited - bring a bag lunch.

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