



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, May 18, 2014, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 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	Aria	Benjamin Cooke
Opening Hymn	179	Hymnal
Gloria	S280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	31:1-5, 15-16	BCP p. 622
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Anthem	Dextera Domini	Padre Martini

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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
<i>Presider</i>	Behold what you are.	
<i>People</i>	May we become what we receive.*	
Communion Hymn	186	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	688	Hymnal
Postlude	Fugue	Benjamin Cooke

* These words come from St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) in a sermon on the Holy Eucharist in which he reflected on "one of the deep truths of Christian faith: through our participation in the sacraments (particularly baptism and Eucharist), we are transformed into the Body of Christ, given for the world."

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marin Episcopal Young Adult Gathering. Upstairs room at Nativity Episcopal Church San Rafael 5 -6:30 Sunday May 18. We'll be hanging out, drinking some beer, singing some Taize chants and discussing ideas for the future.

Discipleship Group Gatherings Next Sunday. If you are in a Discipleship Group or are interested in finding out more, please gather with Christopher in the conversation area of Duncan Hall following both services next week. Discipleship Groups are small groups that meet regularly for support and to encourage each other in ancient and reliable Christian practices like prayer, worship and service. The gatherings next Sunday are to nurture the life of these important groups.

Romans. Starting Tuesday, May 20th at 12:30 Christopher will be leading a study of Paul's letter to the Romans.

Ezekiel. Starting Wednesday, May 21st at 10am, Christopher will be leading a study of the prophet Ezekiel.

John. Starting Thursday, May 22nd at 6:15, Christopher will be leading a study of the Gospel of John.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Mike Green, Chris Hammond, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Mike Green, Chris Hammond, Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes, Judy Rowcliffe
Ushers:	Neville Armstrong, Dante Filippetto
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

This coming Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we begin three spiritual journeys that are scheduled to last at least through the summer. On Tuesdays at 12:30pm we will be reading Paul's letter to the church in Rome. On Wednesdays at 10am we will be reading the powerful visions of the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel. On Thursdays at 6:15pm we will be reading the 'spiritual gospel' of John.

Here are three questions I have heard from people:

Q: Will you please start with some teaching?

A: With pleasure! I was going to jump right in and start with reading the books aloud. But thanks to feedback from some of you, I'll now begin each class next week with some basic orientation. Who was Paul and why was he writing letters? Where do these strange visions of Ezekiel come from and how can we understand them? Why does John's Gospel feel so different from the other three?

Q: Is it OK if I can't come regularly?

Yes, without a doubt. There are some people who come to these every week. But there are always people who are coming and going. I'd also say if you come just once and then decide it's not for you Jesus will still love you and so will I!

Q: Do I have to know anything about the Bible to come?

Nope. I always assume virtually no Biblical knowledge on the part of people who come. In almost any class or study at St. Paul's we have a wide range of experiences. Some know the Bible well, others not at all. Very often it's the new fresh voices that bring the great insight. You are welcome to just come and explore. It's my deep commitment to help you feel safe. It's also my deep commitment, to myself and to everyone there, to keep challenging us to grow and learn.

Our mission at St. Paul's is to follow Jesus together in prayer, worship and service of the poor. These three Bible studies are one way we follow Jesus together in prayer. This is because prayer is an active conversation with God. As we consider together the words and images of scripture, we are listening carefully to what the Spirit of God is saying to us.

Come and see!

Blessings,
Christopher

*Each week our rector, The Rev. Christopher H. Martin, sends an email message.
Email him at cmartin@stpaulsanrafael.org to get on the list*

PRAYER

Andrea & Werner	Dan Pollart	Hollis & Lori	Mr. Denn
Bill B	Daniela A	Jane E & Family	Patricia R
Bill M	Daphne	Joni Peterson	Rainie Joses
Blaine Marshall	Deanna & Tara	Lance	Stephen Topol
Bret	Debra	Liza	Uncle Eberhardt & Family
Cathy B & Family	Della Holloway	Lizzie Sommers	Yvonne Andersen
Charles P. Johnson	Frankie	Marc LeClerc	Zella Cramer
Charlotte & Peter	Gaston Marin	Matt Peterson	
Chris & Jennifer M	Ginnette & Jeff	Merlin	

SERVICE

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Keira Vicente at 684.2670 or keiravicente@yahoo.com.

San Rafael Health Care: Services 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11:00 – 11:25. Help us with the simple service. Children are welcome.

Prison Ministry: St. Paul's has been engaged in regular visitations and correspondence for 17 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 four other parishioners are now visiting Joe and three other inmates. In the coming weeks there will be more information about this growing ministry, including opportunities for everyone to be involved in an action heralded by Christ in Matthew 25:36: "I was in prison and you came to visit me." Are you being called to this ministry, perhaps by corresponding with one of the four inmates we've been visiting? For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

Young Moms Marin: On Fridays, St. Paul's is now hosting Young Moms Marin, a group for mostly teen moms and their children led by our friend Teresa Ashby. The group meets from 3pm to 5:30pm in Duncan Hall.

ONGOING

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

Godly Play: Sundays in Room 6. Kindergarten thru 3rd grade. Meet in the courtyard at 9:45am.

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 Nativity in San Rafael. Middle and high school students from 5 Marin churches. Daniel London, youth minister.

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 The Rev. Christopher Martin.

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.

Bible Studies: Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30, Wednesdays from 10 to 11:15; all in Duncan Hall.

Facebook. Did you know St. Paul's is on Facebook. "Like" us to join the fun!