



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, May 25, 2014, Sixth 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)

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| Prelude | Veni Creator Spiritus | |
| Opening Hymn | 178 | Hymnal |
| Gloria | S280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i> | Hymnal |
| Psalm | 66:7-18 | BCP p. 674 |
| Gradual | Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia | |
| Baptism Procession | 516 | |
| Offertory Hymn | If You Love Me | Insert |

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.

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| 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 | Resucito | Insert |
| Closing Hymn | Bless the Lord | Insert |
| Postlude | Mary | Patty Griffin |

* 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

Discipleship Group Gatherings Today. 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 today. 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. Tuesdays at 12:30, Christopher leads a study of Paul's letter to the Romans.

Ezekiel. Wednesdays at 10am, Christopher leads a study of the prophet Ezekiel.

John. Thursdays at 6:15, Christopher leads a study of the Gospel of John.

SERVING TODAY

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| Preacher & Celebrant: | The Rev. Christopher H. Martin |
| Choirmaster/Organist: | Michael Struck |
| Acolytes: | Brigitte McCulloch, Jane Santucci, Harper Martin, Ann Lisk |
| Readers: | Brigitte McCulloch, Jane Santucci, Judy Rowcliffe |
| Altar Guild: | Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Lena Supsupin, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot |
| Ushers: | Larry Santucci, Demelza Rice |
| Hospitality: | Katie Taggart, Lena Supsupin, Rose Lapicto |

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

This Sunday, the 25th, I will be at the conversation area of Duncan Hall following the two services for twenty minutes of conversation about Discipleship Groups. If you are curious about Discipleship Groups or are in one, I invite you to come by and check it out.

As you may know, Discipleship Groups are small groups that meet every week or every other week, generally for an hour. They begin and end with a simple liturgy that expresses our intention to pray, worship, serve and a few other simple, basic Christian practices. They are featured prominently in my book. At their best, they help each of us discover our God given gifts and the best ways to use them. That is, they help us discover and claim our call in life.

There have been nine Discipleship Groups at St. Paul's over the last decade, and there are six that are still functioning. In some cases, those groups are very open to welcoming new people. In addition, I always encourage new groups to come into being. Groups can be as few as two and as many as nine or ten.

After services Sunday, grab a cup of coffee and come to the conversation area. At about 9am and at about 11:15am I'll be there in Duncan Hall to answer questions, make introductions and hear your stories. I am fully convinced that our Discipleship Groups, along with our Bible Studies, our Worship and our service of the poor, are an essential element in our capacity to honor God and so thrive.

Blessings,
Christopher

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

PRAYER

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