



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, August 10, 2014, the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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	Gloria Tibi	Thomas Tallis
Opening Hymn	494	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	BCP p. 738
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	339	Hymnal

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-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Music		
Closing Hymn	544	Hymnal
Postlude	Toccata	Dietrich Buxtehude

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Studies. The Wednesday Bible Study will be on hiatus until August 20th. The Tuesday 12:30pm study of Romans and the Thursday 6:15pm study of John are on hiatus until the first week of September.

Morning Prayer. Join Brigitte, Richard, Alisa and others on Tuesday mornings at 7:30am for Morning Prayer in our sacred space.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Jim Ward
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jim Terstegge, Dawn Rice, Jane Santucci, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Jim Terstegge, Dawn Rice, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Carolyn Eitel, Joan Peterson, Felicia Demann, Mary Schmidt, Holly Pritchard
Ushers:	Jay Luther, Wendy Olson
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Tenesa and Brian Vuillemenot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

This morning I promised to send a written version of a powerful, long and dense quote I used in my sermon from the 20th Century English mystic, Austin Farrer. It is an expression of a spiritual path called the Via Negativa. As I shared in the sermon, I have been regularly pondering this quote over the last six months or so.

Here it is:

"When we pray, we must begin by conceiving God in full and vigorous images, but we must go on to acknowledge the inadequacy of them and to adhere nakedly to the imageless truth of God. The crucifixion of the images in which God is first shown to us is a necessity of prayer because it is a necessity of life. The promise of God's dealing with us through grace can be set before us in nothing but images, for we have not yet experienced the reality.

"When we proceed to live the promises out, the images are crucified by the reality, slowly and progressively, never completely, and not always without pain: yet the reality is better than the images. Jesus Christ clothed himself in all the images of messianic promise, and in living them out, crucified them: but the crucified reality is better than the figures of prophecy.

"This is very God and life eternal, whereby the children of God are delivered from idols."

If this intrigues you, I'm happy to explore this further with you. Yes, it's a mystery!

Faithfully,
Christopher

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

PRAYER

Anita Bartlett	Bret	Jay Taggart	Rua & Gus
Anne	Charlotte & Peter	Lisa Rose	Sally Etting
Arin D	Chris & Jennifer M	Liza	Sandy Bourne
Bill M	Dan Pollart	Lizzie Sommers	Stephen Topol
Blaine Marshall	Fatemeh & Raha R	Matt Peterson	Yvonne Andersen
Bob Holloway	Hollis & Lori	Patricia R	
Bonnie Cohen	Jane E & Family	Paula	

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.

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