



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, October 5, 2014, the Seventeenth 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	I Call to Thee	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	518	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	19	BCP p. 606
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Te Deum	S-286	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Anthem	Ave Maria	Jacob Arcadelt

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
Communion Hymn	458	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	625	Hymnal
Postlude	Prelude	J. S. Bach

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Rhythm for Families Starting this Sunday, families are invited to start at church together. After the opening hymn and prayer, during the song that begins 'Glory to God in the Highest,' children from K-6 are invited to go to the narthex, the short entrance hall, to meet this week's teacher. Children will return to their families in time to receive communion.

History Project for St. Paul's Join Christopher and an intrepid crew of investigators as we discover and share the best stories from our nearly 150 year history...and beyond. Sundays at 9am in Duncan Hall.

SPRIF III Soup Supper Join us on Wednesday, October 15th at 7pm as the conversation about our Capital Campaign continues. We have the opportunity, thanks to some great good fortune, to hand on a transformed campus to the generations to come. Come learn more and add your voice.

St. Anne's Appreciation Join the Vestry and other parish leaders at the Martin's House in San Anselmo on Sunday, October 19th from 4pm to 6pm to give thanks to the generous and hard working participating members of the St. Anne's Guild. We wouldn't be here today without them.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Chris Olson, Janie Burtch, Pamela Barnes
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Chris Olson, Bruce Burtch
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Linda Danford, Wanda Rice, Jane Santucci
Ushers:	Keira Vicente, Eric Guastavino
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

In one of the psalms (84) we sing to God 'happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you...they go from strength to strength.'

Going from strength to strength strikes me as a wise way to proceed. We ought to identify a strength and then pray that it be made stronger.

I believe one of our strengths as a community is our worship. I never cease to be grateful to for the capacity we share to 'worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.' We know how to hold silence. We know how to move through the space with grace and dignity. We know how to welcome the stranger, often wisely determining whether what's asked for is a warm welcome or respectful space.

This capacity to function as a whole community before God is precious and rare. I believe it is a gift we have been given.

What we do on Sunday mornings at 8am and 10am is called liturgy. 'Liturgy' means, in its original Latin, the work of the people. Liturgy is shared work. Here are three invitations to deepen your experience of worship and so go from strength to strength:

- Read '**Understanding the Holy Eucharist: A Guide to Sunday Worship.**' This short, three page guide gives the meaning behind each of our gestures in worship. It's always available on the table by the door to Duncan Hall. I'll ask the ushers to pass it out this Sunday too.

- Praise God and pass the cruet! (This part was written by my friend Judy!)

Chchchanges...with apologies to **David Bowie, your Altar Guild** faced several exciting (not strange) changes this year. We welcomed Steve Avenzino, Suzanne Crawford and Pamela Barnes; Holly Pritchard and Rainie Jose achieved Emeritus status, and we say a fond farewell with tons of thanks to Mary Schmidt and Carolyn Eitel (though we hope to occasionally have Carolyn's helping hands at 8am).

Praising God and serving St. Paul's go hand-in-hand when you belong to the Altar Guild. We provide the opportunity to go 'behind the scenes' as we set the Lord's table Sunday and slather TLC on our beautiful Church on Saturday. What's required? One hour prep work on Saturday only once a month and a quick 15 minutes before and after one of our Sunday services once a month. That's it. We provide plenty of training and oodles of support. You get countless blessing. Please join us – contact Judy Rowcliffe at 415 456 4131 or jlrowcliffe@comcast.net for more info.

- Celebrate our children. On the second Sunday of the month, much of our worship will be lead by our children as they read the lessons, offer the chalice, and serve as ushers. After the service '**take a knee' to thank and encourage our kiddos.** Liturgy is the work of the people and children are people too!

Thank you for being my worshipping community.

Blessings,
Christopher

Each week our rector, The Rev. Christopher H. Martin, sends an email message.

Email him at cmartin@stpaulsansrafael.org to get on the list

PRAYER

Anne	Children of Garagosh, Iraq	Jude	Sally Etting
Arin D	Chloe H	Ken Asay	Sandy Bourne
Baby Alexis	Chris & Jennifer M	Lisa Rose	Sarah
Bill M	Dan Pollart	Liza	Stephen Topol
Blaine Marshall	Deborah	M	The People of West Africa
Bob Holloway	Fatemeh & Raha R	Matt Peterson	Yvonne Andersen
Bonnie Cohen	Felicia's family in Liberia	Owen	
Bret	Hollis & Lori	Patricia R	
Charlotte & Peter	Jay Taggart	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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