



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 27, 2015, the Eighteenth 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	Go Preach My Gospel	Traditional
Opening Hymn	Bring Forth the Kingdom	<i>Insert</i>
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	124	BCP p. 781
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	671	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 Hymn	Bread of Life	<i>Insert</i>
Closing Hymn	Standin' in the Need of Prayer	<i>Insert</i>
Postlude	The Same Power	Ben Cantelon

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Birgitta Almby.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Anne's Guild. St. Anne's Guild, a warm and welcoming group dedicated to raising money for the benefit of St. Paul's, would be happy to have new members. All members of St. Paul's are invited to join. The group meets in Duncan Hall at 11:00 a.m. each Thursday for an hour of working on projects. **Members have access to our wide variety of yarn, knitting needles and craft materials for creating warm stuff for children and the under-privileged.** This is followed by an hour for lunch and happy conversation. Bring your lunch and we will have tea and cookies for you. We are looking forward to our annual book sale in the spring but, sadly, we won't be hosting our annual bazaar this year. Those of you who will miss that event, join us to be an important part of creating one next year.

Ushers Needed. Anyone interested in serving as an usher for the 10:00am service, please see Eric Guastavino or call him at 415-785-7164.

Morning Prayer. This half hour, lay lead service is Tuesdays at 7:30 am. The entire service is printed out on an 11 by 17 bulletin. It's easy to jump right in.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitta McCulloch, Demelza Rice, Eric Guastavino
Readers:	Brigitta McCulloch, Eric Guastavino, Dennis Puccinelli
Altar Guild:	Brigitta McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Lena Supsupin, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Lena Supsupin, Rose Lapicto

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

This Saturday, starting at a little after 9am, I'm going to invite all of you who are there into the church and then, after a brief introduction, I plan tell you an adventure story, one where I ask you to imagine that you are not just passive listeners, but participants.

I'm going to ask you to imagine that you're on an island with me in a Delta. The waters are rising and we must soon leave the island to head across the Sea. How did we get here? What are all these other islands in the delta? What's across the sea?

When I gave this story its debut in the spring I was nervous but soon got caught up in the joy of storytelling. My joy only deepened as people playfully engaged with the images and the narrative.

This time around, I plan to cut down on the intro and jump more quickly into the story itself. Like a play that has yet to make a stage debut, I then plan to take a generous amount of time to engage with you about your thoughts, ideas and reactions as a way to keep developing the story.

The story is a kind of allegory. It's based on my deep and careful reading of one of the great books of our time, Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age*. It's also supplemented by several other great books that give deep and thoughtful soundings of our time and the place of faithful Christian communities in our culture.

The story as I tell it is meant to give you a kind of mental map of our social, intellectual and spiritual context. Further, I hope to give you some tools to help you make proactive decisions to engage both our culture and your own life in God.

I can't do this alone. I need you to come listen and playfully engage with the story I offer.

We'll start with coffee and some social time in Duncan Hall and move into the church shortly afterwards. Although this story is part of the four offerings of Strengthen Your Spiritual Core, you don't have to have gone to the first one or have any intention of going to the other two to come this Saturday. I expect that we'll be done by around eleven in the morning.

Come and let's learn together!

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

Alice	Gael Shumway	Jonathan B	Rachel Wilde
Blaine Marshall	Gary Pennington	Kathy G	Rainie Joses
Charlotte & Peter	Gerry O	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	Sally Ettling
Chloe H	Greg	Lisa Rose	Stephen Topol
Dan Pollart & Family	Jason	Norman Rosenstein	Syrian Refugees
Daphne	Jay Taggart	Mika Kappen & Family	Tim Hixon
Fire Victims	Jennifer Fritz	Monique Unger & Family	Walter Dods

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 1st and 3rd 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 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. Contact Carolyn Eitel at 415.214.2560 or ceitel@mvmgmt.com.

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 Nativity 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 Judy Rowcliffe at 415.606.4355 or jlrowcliffe@comcast.net.

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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