



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, April 24, 2016, the Fifth Sunday in 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 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude	Christ has Arisen	Carl Haywood
Opening Hymn	178	Hymnal
Gloria	S-180 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	148	BCP p. 805
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Anthem	Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!	<i>Insert</i>

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	Resucito	<i>Insert</i>
Closing Hymn	Lord of the Dance	<i>Insert</i>
Postlude		

The Altar Flowers are given by Joy Moss to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her mother, Lucile Anker.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Basic Discipleship is an opportunity to learn to pray and to find a way to tell your own spiritual story. It is for 3 to 5 people and led by the Rector at a mutually convenient time. Talk to Christopher for details.

Bible Studies and Spiritual Forum Continue this week. Tuesdays at 12:30 we'll be reading the Song of Songs, Wednesdays at 10:00am will be Exodus and Thursdays at 6:15pm will be the book of Job

Youth Confirmation Class. The youth confirmation classes continues for Confirmation at Grace Cathedral on Saturday, June 4th. Classes are on Sundays from 11:30 to 12:30. Talk to Christopher for details. Nine people are already signed up!

Epistle. Thanks to the initiative and work of Chloe Martin we have a newsletter again. Our hope is to produce one at the end of each month, previewing the month to come. Please send your information to Chloe by the 18th of each month at chloeadmartin@comcast.net. Thank you, Chloe!

Your Next Spiritual Step? There are seven weekly or biweekly ways you can learn, pray and grow spiritually at St. Paul's beyond weekly worship and regular service of the poor:

- Sunday Forum every week from 9:00am to 9:40am. We're currently exploring the nature of our souls.
- Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 7:30am.
- Bible Studies on Tuesdays (12:30pm), Wednesdays (10am) and on Thursday evenings (6:15pm).
- Christian meditation on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at 7pm.
- Discipleship Groups, which are small groups with a longer term commitment focused on spiritual maturity and loving community with the poor.

Talk to Christopher to find out more about any of these.

SERVING TODAY

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

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

I believe that rigorous churches will survive and thrive in our increasingly secular age. I also believe St. Paul's is becoming a rigorous church.

For over a decade, we have been gradually devoting ourselves to the core Christian practices of prayer, worship, service, generosity, learning scripture, listening for call and Discipleship Groups. That's the building we've been building together.

But underneath the building has been a foundation. I've been aware of the foundation all along, but I haven't known how to speak about it- I couldn't find my voice. This week, starting last Sunday, I began to speak with you, first at the Sunday Forum and then at the Tuesday and Wednesday Bible Studies.

I shared my belief that there are six necessary dimensions that a church must have if it is to be rigorous. It must have all six, we can't pick and choose. All three times I've spoken, my sharing has led to deep and wonderful conversation as we've discovered together both our strengths and our growth areas as a community. An important conversation has begun.

There are two more of these conversations scheduled for the coming week. The first is this Sunday from 9:00 to 9:40 at the Spiritual Forum in Duncan Hall. The second is next Wednesday, the 27th, from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Upper Room.

Please come help me find my voice and let us begin exploring together the foundation of our shared faith and practice.

Blessings,
Christopher

PS. There are four other things I would like you to know.

- I believe this Sunday's sermon on Revelation 21 and the appearance of the New Jerusalem will be a particularly important one for us.
- Please pray for Ginny, Kay, Elesia and Libby as they attend the women's short course in Christianity, Cursillo, this weekend.
- Check out the new display of 11 beautiful watercolors by parishioner Joseph Cook in Duncan Hall. 10 of them are for sale. The money will help him buy painting supplies and support his new grandson.
- Basic Discipleship starts in May and is likely to meet weekly on Sundays at 6pm, Thursdays at 12:30 and/or Saturdays at 8am. five people are already interested. Contact me if you'd like to learn to enter into a daily rhythm of prayer and find a way to tell your own spiritual story.

PRAYER

Bart L	Janae Gonce	Lokita	Rose Von Buchau
Brussels victims and people	Jay Taggart	Mika Kappen & Family	Ruth Orovich
Cathy	Jennifer Fritz	Monique Unger & Family	Sally Ettling
Corinna Kavanagh	Jim & Jane Passman	Norman Rosenstein	San Bernardino victims & town
Dan Pollart & Family	Jonathan B	Phyllis	Sandy G
Declan	Jonathan Smith	Rachel Wilde	Sarah Gaoup
Felicia Demann	Laurel	Rainie Joses	Stephen Topol
Gama Munoz	Lisa R	Robyne Talley	Syrian Refugees
Grace Michael	Lisa Rose	Rosa Montez	

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 other parishioners are now visiting Joe and six other inmates. 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.

Children's Choir. Rehearsals on Friday afternoon and some Sundays. Contact Alison Blume at alisonblume@comcast.net

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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