



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, July 17, 2016, the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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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](http://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	Tranquillo	Jules Grison
Opening Hymn	475	Hymnal
Gloria	S-180 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	52	BCP p. 657
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Offertory Hymn	482	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	Ricecare	Andrea Gabrieli
Closing Hymn	637	Hymnal
Postlude	Toccata and Fugue	Jules Grison

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Mary Leydecker.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Book Club.** St. Paul's Book Club will meet Friday July 22 at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. We will be discussing "Jerusalem: A Biography" by Simon Sebag Montefiore. This is the story of the city of Jerusalem from the time of the Bible until the Seven Days War. It is anything but peaceful

**Work Party.** Men - please help prepare Duncan Hall for our new floor. We need 5-6 men to change out the plastic feet on the tables and chairs, and to move some plants. Work starts at 9:00am, Saturday July 23rd. See Steve Avanzino or just show 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 [chloedmartin@comcast.net](mailto:chloedmartin@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 Study on Wednesdays (10am).
- 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:	Jacob Moody, Pierce Gore, Diana Westphal-Gore
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Pierce Gore, John Dury
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Over the summer, some things at St. Paul's are on hiatus until after Labor Day. But there are three very cool conversations that are slowly unfolding, and you are welcome to join any and all of them.

1. **Into the Silent Land.** This short book by Martin Laird that introduces the Christian tradition of contemplative prayer has proven very popular with us! I ordered some extra copies and they were immediately snatched away! I've ordered a few more copies but you can get your own on Amazon.

2. **Julian of Norwich.** The Spiritual Forum, from 9:00 to 9:40 each Sunday morning in Duncan Hall, has experienced a new wave of participants. You are welcome to join any Sunday as we read aloud and discuss a few paragraphs from a Christian classic. We are about to dive into Dame Julian of Norwich, a passionate visionary.

3. **Leviticus.** The Wednesday Bible Study, from 10:00am to 11:15am, is about to begin reading through Leviticus. I have a hunch it will be a very rich experience. The lists of things to do and not do bring to life a culture so foreign from us, yet daily life becomes imaginable as we read of the gritty details. Underneath it all, a firm and still reliable moral vision comes through- a vision of deep and compassionate justice. I know at least one new person will be joint us tomorrow.

Each of these presents you an opportunity to work on your Fluency in our spiritual mother tongue. Fluency, along with Community, Abiding, Befriending, Call and and Cross, is one of the six necessary dimensions of a Rigorous Church.

The only other thing I would add is that Tuesday Morning Prayer continues through the summer at 7:30 in our lovely church.

I hope you are having a refreshing summer.

Blessings,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Andrea & Werner	Jennifer Fritz	Mika Kappen & Family	Ruth Orovich
Arty	John Leydecker	Norman Rosenstein	Sandy G
Bart L	Jonathan Smith	Orlando Victims & City	Sarah Gaoup
Cathy	Laurel	Phyllis	Stephen Topol
Dallas Officers & City	Lisa R	Rainie Joses	Syrian Refugees
Dan Pollart & Family	Lisa Rose	Rosa Montes	
Grace Michael	Lokita	Rose Von Buchau	

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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