



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, April 9, 2017, Palm Sunday

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)

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| Opening Hymn | 154 | Hymnal |
| Kyrie | S-86 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i> | Hymnal |
| Psalm | 31:9-16 | BCP p. 622 |
| Gradual | S-102 | Hymnal |
| Prayers of the People | Form III | BCP p. 387 |
| Offertory Anthem | Glory and Honour and Laud | Charles Wood |

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.

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| Eucharistic Prayer B | | BCP p. 367 |
| Sanctus | S-124 | Hymnal |
| Fraction Anthem | S-161 | Hymnal |
| Prayer of Humble Access | | BCP p. 337 |
| Communion Hymn | 168 | Hymnal |
| Closing Hymn | 158 | Hymnal |

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Schedule:

- 4/9 Palm Sunday, Services at 8am and 10am
- 4/13 Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm. We'll be joined by Grace Marin and Bay Marin
- 4/14 Good Friday at Noon. Bring you nail.
- 4/15 Easter Vigil at 7:30pm. We'll have two Baptisms.
- 4/16 Easter Sunday, Services at 8am and 10am. No music at the 8am.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist: Michael Struck
Acolytes: Jim Terstegge, Pierce Gore, Chris Olson
Readers: Jim Terstegge, Pierce Gore, Kay Blackwill
Altar Guild: Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Ann Lisk, Steve Avanzino, Holly Pritchard

Easter Flowers

We'll be filling the Church windows and draping the Altar with flowers and greens on Saturday morning, April 15, in preparation for the Great Vigil and Easter Sunday. You're more than welcome to join us! Your Altar Guild would also appreciate your donation for these flowers, especially given in memory of someone you love. There is no specific dollar amount required for the flowers. Please either send in the form below and your check by mail or bring it in on a Sunday to put in the offering plate. Make your check payable to St. Paul's and note the designation for Easter Altar Flowers. Please be sure that this request is in the Church no later April 11.

I am enclosing \$ _____ for flowers to decorate the Church.

Flowers are given by _____
(your name here)

In Memory of or In thanksgiving for _____
(name of loved one)

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Sunday marks the beginning of the most important week of the Christian year. I can never say enough about all that you are invited to experience. Nor could I ever urge you strongly enough to set aside time and walk attentively besides Jesus as he humbly submits himself to the mighty acts of God by which we were saved. Consider:

Palm Sunday starts with his celebratory entrance into Jerusalem. (We wave palms and sing a joyful tune!) But then shifts with the reading of the Passion Narrative, the sad a cappella closing hymn and the departure from the church in silence. (8am and 10am)

Maundy Thursday is an ordinary eucharist service except for five things. It's at night. It includes foot-washing. It's shared with baptized Christians from two other churches. It remembers the night when Jesus actually started the whole practice. Finally, it concludes with a solemn liturgical drama of stunning power. (7:30 pm)

Good Friday takes place in a church stripped down to its basics. Every hymn we sing has deep currents of sorrow and pathos. A large wooden cross is brought in and we each can hammer a nail into it, remembering the sorrowful song from Palm Sunday, "I crucified thee!" (Noon)

The Easter Vigil is the longest and most important service of the year. A short paragraph can't begin to convey how one is powerfully carried from darkness, ignorance and sorrow to light, knowledge and joy. You simply must come to it to get it. (7:30pm on Saturday night. It's over by 9:30pm.)

There are then followed by two Easter morning services. 8am will be without music. 10am will be filled with music and followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

May this invitation to walk the solemn steps of Holy Week lead you to the joy that passes all understanding.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

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| Alex | Elizabeth S | Marcella Hermstad | Rosa Montes |
| Arty | Grace Michael | Mark Hardin | Syrian Refugees |
| Bill Donnelly | Jennifer Fritz | Mika Kappen & Family | The Rev. Stefani Schatz |
| Bill Tate | Kairos Inside San Quentin | Pat David Binkley | The Rev. Vanessa Glass |
| Dan Pollart & Family | Laurel | Phyllis | |
| Della Holloway | Lisa R | Richard F | |

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 20 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.

Marin Episcopal Youth Group: Sundays from 5-6:30pm at Church of the Redeemer 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 Christopher Martin at 415.456.4842 or cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org.

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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