



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, June 18, 2017, the Second 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	Andante	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	390	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	116:1, 10-17	BCP p. 759
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
Closing Hymn	365	Hymnal
Postlude	Vivace	J. S. Bach

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

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quarterly Death Row Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21st from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Upper Room. This is the perfect, no commitment way to find out what this ministry is all about. Anyone can begin by writing letters to one of the nine men with whom we are friends.

Tuesday Morning Prayer is on hiatus until August.

The Recommended Book for Summer is "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction." This is a complicated title for a simple and accessible book. The popular Christian writer Eugene Peterson writes reflections on the 15 "Psalms of Ascent." These are short psalms (numbers 120-134) that the ancient Hebrews would sing on their regular pilgrimages to Jerusalem. Peterson invites us to imagine that these psalms apply to our own Christian pilgrimage through life.

Campus Improvements continue through the summer. We will be remodeling the bathrooms, landscaping the Hardin Courtyard and repaving the parking lot. Many thanks to Pat Curtis, Larry Santucci, Alison Blume, Keatin Holly and Steve Avanzino who are the leaders of these efforts.

Fall Book Study. On the first Tuesdays of September, October and November, Walter Tanner and Christopher will be hosting a book study of *The Politics of Virtue: Post-Liberalism and Human Future*. This book, by John Milbank and Adrian Pabst, is a Christian critique of our moment of crisis. It names four facets of what it names the "metacrisis of liberalism": capitalism, democracy, culture and the nations. For each, it then proposes alternatives that come from a radically Christian orthodox position. These discussions will be from 7pm to 9pm and are likely to have the feel of a graduate school seminar.

Christopher's Vacation begins after services on Sunday, July 2nd. His first Sunday back will be August 6th. The Rev. Jim Ward will be leading worship in his absence.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Pierce Gore, Eric Guastavino
Readers:	Michael Green, Pierce Gore, John Dury
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Pamela Barnes

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

From time to time I learn of a book that strikes me as perfect for us at St. Paul's. I read one such book this Lent.

It's a simple book with a complicated title. It's called "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" and it's by Eugene Peterson. He takes 15 short psalms, Psalm 120 through Psalm 134, and writes a very accessible brief commentary on each.

The power of the book is that these Psalms are called, in the Bible, the Psalms of Ascent. They are called that because Jerusalem is the highest city in Israel. Faithful Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem several times a year. Each time, on their pilgrimage, they would sing these psalms as they went up to the high city.

Peterson show how these psalms can be used to understand our own Christian pilgrimage through life. I read this book during Lent and I found that reading on one psalm a day was a perfect discipline. Likewise, over the summer, if you want to start or supplement your own prayer practice, this book is the perfect guide and companion.

It also teaches us how to faithfully read the Old Testament as Christians. We want to both respect the original intention of the text and, at the same time know that, for us, it must always somehow and mysteriously speak of our own walk with Jesus.

I hope you get this book this summer. I look forward to talking with you about it in August after I return from vacation. I'm here for three more Sundays, and then you'll be in the goos hands of the Rev. Jim Ward.

Here's the link to the Peterson book on Amazon.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

Alex	Della Holloway	Kevin & Tara	Mika Kappen & Family
Arty	Dexter Hixon	Laurie Hubbard	Richard F
Bill Donnelly	(surgery April 17)	Lisa R	The Rev. Stefani Schatz
Brenda Paupst	Grace Michael	Marcella Hermstad	The Rev. Vanessa Glass
Dan Pollart & Family	Jennifer Fritz	Mark Hardin	Todd C
Dawn Rice	Jim	Mika Kappen & Family	

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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