



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, February 18, 2018, the First Sunday in Lent

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 prayer, worship, and service.

WORSHIP

The service begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude	Adagio	Luigi Manzia
The Great Litany	S-67 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-86	Hymnal
Psalm	25:1-9	BCP p. 614
Gradual	S-102	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Rite I	BCP p. 328
Offertory Anthem	Kyrie	Michael Haydn
Doxology	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen</i>	
Presentation		
	Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord.	
	People: And of thine own have we given Thee.	

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-114	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-161	Hymnal
Prayer of Humble Access		<i>See back page</i>
Communion Hymns	152, 307	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	137	Hymnal
Postlude	Concerto	Luigi Manzia

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesdays of Lent, through the month of March, there will be a Eucharist service at 7:30am in the church.

Thank You from Death Row. From one of our friends, RC: "i have at least fourteen christmas greetings from saint paul's!!! wow! and each was as beautiful as the next one. God is good all the time and all the time God is good!!! I will not write their names down for I could miss one or two! But if you will, you can thank the congregation for those who sent cards out to all at San Quentin. I am sure each of us was richly blessed and very grateful. All of (that) love, such as yours, Elesia's and Pastor Chris,' is God's love taught through humans at St. Paul's. Thank you."

2018 Lenten Retreat for Lay Leaders & Clergy

We created the PrayWorshipServe Retreat as a natural expression of The Restoration Project (TRP), which has initiated Discipleship Groups at Episcopal Parishes nationwide. February 22-25, we will be hosting up to 80 people (including, we hope – you!) from around the country to explore how to become better Christians in this increasingly secular world. As many of you know, at the heart of TRP are small groups nurturing love of Jesus by regular practice of three Christian traditions: prayer, worship and service through seven scripture-based vows. Please join us as we explore the vows, care & feeding of D-Groups, see the world premiere of Christopher's one-person performance of "Pelican", enjoy amazing food and share our love of Jesus.

Cost: \$599/person with accommodations at Ralston White Retreat Center; \$249/person without accommodations, includes meals (no cost for St. Paul's parishioners).

For more info please talk with Jacob Moody, Judy Rowcliffe or Christopher Martin.
Sign up: <http://www.prayworshipserve.com>

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Dawn Rice
Readers:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Neville Armstrong
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Judy Rowcliffe, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Pamela Barnes

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

BECOMING BOTH BEGGARS AND GENTRY

My most heartfelt prayer right now is that as many of you as possible become involved in next week's Retreat. Why? Because I believe that the PrayWorshipServe Retreat is the beginning of the next chapter of our life together.

I believe this for a variety of reasons. One of the most important is that everyone either working on the Retreat or participating in it is claiming two values that are in beautiful tension with one another. In one, we are beggars, in the other, we are gentry:

We are beggars showing other beggars where to find bread.

This means that while we have learned much about our Seven Core Christian Practices, we also know that we have much to learn. Any authority we have derives from our underlying hunger to know more. We assume that the people coming to the retreat will have much to teach us too. We believe we will be stronger together, as beggars, than apart.

We are ladies and gentlemen serving ladies and gentlemen.

Judy, one of the leaders of the retreat, carries around a card in her purse with this phrase in it. It captures perfectly the blend of respect, courtesy and dignity we expect from both ourselves and our guests next weekend.

The tone we are claiming for ourselves next weekend, what we hope to embody in this mix of being both beggars and gentry, is a tone I hope we adopt as we move forward as the family of St. Paul's. As we look to launching New College of Christian Practice in August, the PrayWorshipServe Retreat looks like a beginning, not a destination.

I want you there. If you wish to become a participant alongside over 30 people from other parishes and at least half a dozen members of St. Paul's, either email me at c.h.mrtn@gmail.com or go to our Eventbrite webpage and sign yourself up. For you, it's free. You need only attend, at a minimum, 9am to 3pm on both Friday and Saturday, and come to church at 9am on Sunday.

If you wish to be a volunteer, email Judy at JLRowcliffe@comcast.net. I believe there are just a few slots left. Volunteering gets you an invitation to the feast on Saturday night.

Finally, at a bare minimum, come to the debut of my performance piece, Pelican, on Saturday at 5pm. This hour long, open-eyed guided meditation imaginatively weaves together many of the themes of our common life in Jesus.

Our first guests arrive just one week from today, on Thursday the 22nd. Please keep praying for this momentous event!

The door is open to you.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

Arty	Joan Peterson	Laurie Hubbard	Meg G
Cathy Westover	Jim	Mark & Gwen	Mika Kappen & Family
Dan Pollart & Family	Katie Taggart	Mark Groshong	Phyllis
Gina	Kevin & Tara	Mark Hardin	Ricky & 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.

Facebook & Twitter. Please like and follow us to join the fun!

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulssanrafael>, <https://twitter.com/StPaulsSR>

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.