



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, March 25, 2018, 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](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)*

Opening Hymn	154	Hymnal
Psalm	31:9-16	BCP p. 623
Gradual	S-102 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Rite I	BCP p. 328
Offertory Anthem	And now the Lord to rest is laid	J. S. Bach
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-124	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-161	Hymnal
Prayer of Humble Access		<i>See back page</i>
Communion Hymn	168	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	158	Hymnal

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Death Cafe Today.** Chloe Martin will be hosting the bi-monthly Death Cafe this afternoon, (3/25) from 4-6pm in Duncan Hall. All are welcome to attend this open conversation about any aspect of death and dying. There is always interesting, deep and uplifting conversation, and delicious, freshly baked cookies and other refreshments. Please RSVP to secure your spot. [chloedmartin@comcast.net](mailto:chloedmartin@comcast.net), or call/text 415-464-7149. To learn more about Death Cafes, go to [deathcafe.com](http://deathcafe.com)

**New Service Opportunity.** The Downtown Streets Team of Marin is now offering a mobile shower service. A team of 5-6 from St. Paul's and our sister churches could provide hospitality, two each week, on either Tuesday or Thursday from 6-8:30am at the Health and Wellness Center in San Rafael. Interested? Contact Christopher at [c.h.mrtn@gmail.com](mailto:c.h.mrtn@gmail.com).

**Pelican.** There will be a repeat performance of Christopher's one act play, Pelican, on Wednesday, April 18th in the church at 7pm. Hospitality will follow in Duncan Hall.

**A User's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer.** This series of classes begins on Wednesday, April 25th at 7pm in Duncan Hall. It is preceded by Evening Prayer in the church at 6:30pm and followed by hospitality at 8:30pm. The classes continue every Wednesday evening into June.

### **Holy Week Schedule:**

3/29 Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm. We'll be joined by Grace Marin and Bay Marin.

3/30 Good Friday at Noon. Bring your nail.

3/31 Easter Vigil at 7:30pm. We'll be joined by Nativity and Redeemer.

4/1 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:	Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Eric Guastavino
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Judy Rowcliffe, Dawn Rice, Kate Sprague, Carolyn Welcome
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot

# CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

## WHY HOLY WEEK IS ESSENTIAL

For the 14th time, we will be walking through Holy Week together. Every year, I make a major push to try to get as many of us as possible to the 4 main services of Holy Week. Why?

For years, I have had a central image in my heart and mind. I imagine that every year, we circle together around the unfathomable mystery of God. Each Christian season and event gives us a slightly different perspective on the mystery of God. What we see in Advent is different than what we see in Christmas, is different than what we see in Epiphany and so on.

It is as though we are traveling around a spiral which draws us, each year, if we are paying attention, just a little bit closer to the eternally still (and yet active) mystery of God.

The most important segment of the annual turning of the spiral, every year, is Holy Week. The events of Holy Week, all of them, are "the mighty acts by which we are saved." If we internalize the story of Holy Week, all else begins to fall into place for us.

I can't type an email long enough to help you know, at a deep level, what it is that we remember in the four services of Holy Week and why the memory of those particular events save us. No words can convey to our hearts and minds (and souls) what only actions, faithfully attended to, can begin to communicate.

This year, set aside time to go to all 4 services. Walk alongside Jesus and alongside many of us. Make it a priority and rearrange your schedule. (3/25 at 8am or 10am, 3/29 at 7:30pm, 3/30 at noon, 3/31 at 7:30pm.)

It used to be that culture would come to a pause so that these events could be observed by all. Those days are long gone. Now, we each need to make a very strong choice for God. You can do it. The first of the four services is next Sunday, the 25th, Palm Sunday. You can come to either the 8am or the 10am service.

The door is open.

Blessings,  
Christopher

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## 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 March 27.

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)

## PRAYER

Arty	Jim	Mark & Gwen	Mika Kappen & Family
Cathy Westover	Kevin & Tara	Mark Groshong	Phyllis
Dan Pollart & Family	Larry W & Family	Mark Hardin	Raymond Struck
Gina	Laurie Hubbard	Meg G	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 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 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 6-7:30pm 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.

**Morning Prayer:** Every Tuesday at 7:30am, led by members of the parish. The service uses an easy to follow bulletin and lasts half an hour.

**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.