



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, March 11, 2018, the Fourth 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](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 prayer, worship, and service.

### WORSHIP

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

Prelude	Have Mercy	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	143	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-91 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	107:1-3, 17-22	BCP p. 746
Gradual	S-102	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Rite I	BCP p. 328
Offertory Hymn	149	Hymnal
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-158	Hymnal
Prayer of Humble Access		<i>See back page</i>
Closing Hymn	145	Hymnal
Postlude	Penance and Remorse	J. S. Bach

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. Paul's Book Club** will meet on March 16th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is "Refuge" by Dina Nayeri. This is the story of an Iranian refugee who seems to fit into her new European life. But then she finds she misses her culture, her language and her father.

**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."

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Ronnie Dodds, Eric Guastavino
Readers:	Ronnie Dodds, John Dury
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Walter Tanner, Holly Pritchard

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

### A PIVOT

We are still coming down from a great event and just beginning to shift our focus to an even greater event to come. Here's a glimpse into where things stand.

We're hard at work resolving things from the PrayWorshipServe Retreat and laying groundwork for next steps. Here are a few things to know. First, we came out a little ahead financially! That's how we budgeted things, but it's always satisfying when things come out as you plan. Second, the surveys have been analyzed and they are very strong. Well over 20 participants responded to our 25 questions, each ranked from 1 to 5, with 5 being the most positive. 90% of all responses were either a 4 or a 5. Finally, we're in the process of setting up a Facebook conversation group so that the rich conversations begun at the retreat around our Seven Core Christian Practices can continue.

That was the great event. The even greater event lies before us. In just over two weeks, Holy Week begins. As always, I encourage you to set aside time to walk through the whole experience by attending Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. There is a wholeness to the story that will always elude us if all we do is show up for the two Sundays of Palm Sunday and Easter. The mighty acts by which we were saved include foot washing, the institution of the last supper, death on the cross, and then are dramatically expressed as we go from dark to light at Saturday night's Easter Vigil.

Let us register together these great events through which Jesus walked through on our behalf, beginning in about two weeks, on March 25th.

Blessings,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Arty	Jim	Mark & Gwen	Mika Kappen & Family
Cathy Westover	Kevin & Tara	Mark Groshong	Phyllis
Dan Pollart & Family	Larry & 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 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.

**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.