



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, April 22, 2018, the Fourth Sunday in Easter

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	Consolation	Annie Denson Aaron
Opening Hymn	178	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	23	BCP p. 612
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Hymn	664	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>	

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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	This is My Father's World	<i>Insert</i>
	The Lord is My Shepherd	<i>Insert</i>
Closing Hymn	Dance and Sing	<i>Insert</i>
Postlude	Give Me Jesus	Spiritual

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Study. After today's 10:00 service, Tanner begins a Sunday Book Study of Kate Moorehead's book "Healed", which gives an accessible and useful portrayal of Mary Magdalene as a strong disciple of Jesus and the Apostle to the Apostles. 11:30 to 12:30 in the Upper Room.

Reimagine End of Life. Today, 4/22 from 4-6 in Duncan Hall, Chloe Martin will be hosting an event as part of a week-long experience called Reimagine End of Life, with 175 events all exploring big questions about life and death. Chloe's event is a conversation game called "Hello" that inspires conversation about what's important to you now and at end of life, in an engaging, fun, non-threatening way. Please get tickets in advance online at <https://bit.ly/2GnIrYD>. If the \$20 ticket price is prohibitive, enter discount code "letsreimagine" at checkout.

April 25th, Wednesday. A User's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer starts at 7pm. Come learn to use the breadth of this great book to feed your soul at all stages of life and faith. Preceded by optional Evening Prayer at 6:30 and followed by hospitality at 8:30.

May 6th, Sunday. St. Paul's Open House to **celebrate our 150th anniversary** from 1pm to 5pm. We offer tasty English food, tours of the historic church and other delights, concluding with Evensong in the church at 4pm.

Diversified Portfolio of Service. Service of the poor is a core value for us. There are opportunities to serve probationary teens, our homeless neighbors, isolated seniors, those in prison and poor young families. Call Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.com to find out more.

Learning for All Ages. We offer Sunday School, Youth Group and regular Bible Studies and Spiritual Formation classes. Contact Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.com to find out more.

Small Groups. The heart of our parish is small groups we call Discipleship Groups, which encourage us to pursue Seven Core Christian Practices. Contact Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.com to find out how you can make your way into these loving and life changing small groups.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Eric Guastavino, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Eric Guastavino, Carolyn Welcome
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Judy Rowcliffe, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Pamela Barnes

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

2 CONVERSATIONS BEGIN THIS WEEK

In the next week we start 2 conversations, both of them about books that are important to us at St. Paul's right now.

On Sunday at 11:30am Tanner begins leading conversations based on **Kate Moorehead's book Healed**, which gives a new, faithful and useful interpretation of Mary Magdalene. Kate's 18 short meditations are the perfect launching off points for conversations about mental illness, discipleship and women claiming authority. Tanner has studied with one of the foremost experts on Mary Magdalene and so is well prepared to facilitate.

Next Wednesday, the 25th, at 7pm in Duncan HallI begin a series called **A User's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer**. Most have only dipped our toe in the water of this great book. Come and learn to swim. There are beautiful, wise and always scripture soaked prayers, rituals and resources throughout that funny red book that sits inert in the pews most days of the week. I begin with the end. Through a little courage and some creativity, you can give your family and friends the gift of a well planned funeral. It is preceded by optional Evening Prayer at 6:30pm in the church.

Thursday evening Bible Study starts next Thursday, the 26th, at 6:15 in the Downing Library. We will read the book of James.

Finally, thank you to all of you who came to Pelican. It was a gift to me to be able to share it with you.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

Arty	Joy Moss	Mark & Gwen	Mika Kappen & Family
Cathy Westover	Kevin & Tara	Mark Groshong	Nicholas Danford (surgery 4/12)
Dan Pollart & Family	Larry W & Family	Mark Hardin	Ricky & Family
Gina	Laura Gordon	Meg G	
Jim	Laurie Hubbard	Michael Alongi	

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 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.

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