



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, May 13, 2018, the Seventh Sunday in Easter

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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)*

Prelude	Psalm XVIII	Benedetto Marcello
Opening Hymn	495	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	1	BCP p. 585
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Hymn	302	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
Closing Hymn	544	Hymnal
Postlude	Rigaudon	Andre Campra

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of all our departed mothers.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pentecost at Nativity.** Next week's later service will be at 10:30 at Nativity Church. We will be celebrating this great feast with Nativity and Redeemer. There will be an 8am service at St. Paul's, but there will not be a 10am service. Instead, please join us at 10:30 at Nativity on Ellen Drive just off the intersection of Lucas Valley Road and Las Gallinas.

**St. Paul's Book Club** will meet on May 18th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is "Saints for All Occasions" by J. Courtney Sullivan. This novel tells the story of two sisters who come to Boston from Ireland. They end up having very different lives. They are estranged but meet again at funeral many years later.

**Death Cafe.** Our next Death Cafe will be on Sunday, May 20, from 4-6pm in Duncan Hall. Death Cafes provide a safe and welcoming space to have an open conversation about any aspect of death and dying. There is no agenda. There is no expert. But there are sure to be cookies. :) Chloe Martin will be hosting and facilitating this conversation, and all in the St. Paul's community and beyond are welcome to come--so feel free to bring a friend or family member (adults only please). Please RSVP to secure your spot. [chloeadmartin@comcast.net](mailto:chloeadmartin@comcast.net), or call/text 415-464-7149. To learn more about Death Cafes, go to [deathcafe.com](http://deathcafe.com).

**Book Study.** Tanner's Sunday Book Study continues today after the 10:00 service, exploring Kate Moorehead's book "Healed", 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.

**A User's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer** continues on Wednesday at 7pm in Duncan Hall. 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:	Michael Green, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Michael Green, Demelza Rice, Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Walter Tanner, Holly Pritchard

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

BRAVO!

Bravo! Sunday's Open House was a great milestone in the life of St. Paul's. In a calm, joyful and open-hearted way, filled with relaxed hospitality, we hosted an event of great grace and beauty. There are dozens of people to thank and I'd like to highlight just three. Thank you to Katie who was the master mind behind it all and the playful spirit of it too. Thank you to Jay, who gave three full tours to big groups of people. People left those tours wide-eyed and curious. And thanks to Mike, who led us all in an Evensong that was holy, beautiful and more full than a Sunday morning service. God is good!

The Open House is the closing event of an extraordinary year in the life of St. Paul's. About a year ago, we were worshipping at Nativity as the Hardin Courtyard was being installed. Then, through the rest of the year, the garden was planted, the bathrooms transformed, the parking lot resurfaced and so on. In the new year, in quick succession, we had our 150th celebration with the Bishop in January, the PrayWorshipServe Retreat in February, Holy Week and, finally, this great Open House last Sunday. Whew!

What I observe is that successfully meeting each of these challenges has brought us to life and opened our hearts. There was a quiet and joyful confidence to our hospitality on Sunday that bodes well for our future together.

Very often, after big projects and years, churches and other communities grow slack and start to lose their way. At the other extreme, some communities feel like they need to keep stretching, becoming almost hooked on the excitement.

I hope we can now enter into a middle way of calm and steady progress and growth. There are beautiful projects before us. These include our growing connections with our sister churches, the pursuit of St. Monnica's Mutual Housing Community and the next PrayWorshipServe Retreat, which is scheduled for March of 2020. But the pace will be different, more ordinary and gently nourishing. For example, we are headed toward a soft launch of New College of Christian Practice this fall, with classes happening just once a month.

I hope for a restful summer for all of us. It has been a wonderfully productive season at St. Paul's. We are as healthy as we've ever been in the 14 years I have served here. Let us take a season of rest and give thanks for what has been and draw strength for what is to come.

Blessings,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Betty  
Cathy Westover  
Dan Pollart & Family

Gina  
Jim  
Kevin & Tara

Larry W & Family  
Laura Gordon  
Laurie Hubbard

Mark Hardin  
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 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.

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