



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, October 6, 2019, the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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	Sonata	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	530	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	137	BCP p. 792
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Anthem	Sanctus	Charles Gounod
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. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms across your chest when you are at the altar rail. 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. Gluten free bread available.

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	508, 321	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	534	Hymnal
Postlude	Sinfonio to Cantata 29	J. S. Bach

The Altar Flowers are given by Nancy Skinner to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, John Temple Skinner.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's Book Sale. The book sale concludes today, following the services in Duncan Hall.

Come and See Breakfast. On Saturday, October 12th, from 8:30am to 9:30am come and find out about Mutual Housing Marin, an organization we helped start to create a housing community in Marin for young families. Mutual Housing Marin was inspired by our years of hosting Young Moms Marin, a support group for teen mothers.

Naming Our Leadership. On the bulletin board in Duncan Hall there are now group-pictures of three of our leadership teams at St. Paul's- the Vestry (our board), St. Paul's Forward (our finance group) and RenewalWorks (spiritual leadership). Come see the faces and learn the names of our leadership!

The Work is Very Near You. Each week in church we pray to God to "send us to do the work you have given us to do." Find out with Christopher how to do your work with gladness and singleness of heart. Saturdays 8:30am.

Greeters Needed. We are blessed with visitors. Greeters would serve with one person each at each gate prior to church to meet and greet, then act as a team right after the service to escort our visitors to coffee hour. Contact Katie at katietaggart@att.net

The Spiritual Forum, from 9:00 to 9:45 each Sunday in the conversation end of Duncan Hall, will be reading aloud and discussing ancient spiritual wisdom. All are welcome to jump in at any time.

Bible Studies. The Wednesday 10am Bible Study is reading the seven short letters from James to Jude and the Thursday 6:20pm Bible Study is reading the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome.

Dedicate our Host Box to a Loved One. We need a new Host Box (box that holds bread/wafers) for the 8am service and want to offer you the opportunity to purchase this in honor of a loved one. The box is silver plate (so much easier to keep shiny than sterling!) is \$300 - \$450 and there are several choices. Engraving is \$4/letter. If this interests you, please reach out to Judy Rowcliffe, jlrowcliffe@comcast.net or 415-456-4131 to discuss.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Chris Hammond, Pierce Gore
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Chris Hammond, Neville Armstrong
Ushers:	Eric Guastavino, Larry Santucci
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Linda Danford, Katie Taggart, Jan Santucci

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

THE WORK IS VERY NEAR YOU

For the next few weeks, instead of printing my weekly email message, I will share in this space the baseline teaching for The Work is Very Near You. Already, people at St. Paul's are assuming these practices and seeing some beautiful results in their daily life. This first part of the multi-week teaching is the working assumptions that get us toward the daily, hourly and weekly practices:

A. Sent This Week. All 3 of our Post-Communion Prayers send us out into the world to do the work God sends us to do. Here is the relevant sentence from each.

- Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart.
- And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses.
- And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that Holy Fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in.

Notice that everyone says these prayers. These aren't for those who know they have "gifts" or have discerned a "call." These prayers apply to all of us all the time.

B. The Work is Very Near You. Here is the quote from Deuteronomy, with "work" instead of "word." I also added "in your hands" to go with the word work. It is from 30:11-20.

- Surely the commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away... no, the work is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart and in your hands... I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life that you and your descendents may live...loving the LORD your God.

C. Sent. The other key word in the post-communion prayers is "sent." Here is the revised vow of Discipleship Groups and the scriptural passage on which it is based, John 20:19-23.

- By God's grace, I will do the work God sends me to do this week, remembering that Jesus says "as the Father has sent me, so I send you"(Jn. 20:21) entrusting my Discipleship Group to test and support that work.
- When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Blessings,
Christopher

REGULAR PRAYER AND STUDY - OPEN TO ALL

Spiritual Forum	Sundays at 9am in Duncan Hall
Book Group	Sundays at 11:30am in the Upper Room
Centering Prayer Group	2nd and 4th Sundays at 7pm in Duncan Hall
Morning Prayer	Tuesdays at 7:30am in the Church
Bible Studies	Wednesdays at 10am in Duncan Hall Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Downing Library

WHO'S WHO AT ST. PAUL'S

The Governing Board (called the Vestry)

Walter Tanner (Senior Warden), Buzz Wollam (Junior Warden), Libby Silvestri, Tom Witt, Richard Micheli, Katie Taggart, Michael Welcome, Patrick Bowen and Janie Burtch (Secretary)

Campus Care Steve Avanzino, Keatin Holly, Pat Curtis, David Hardin, Eric Guastavino and Larry Santucci

Finances Holly Pritchard, Lorrie Bugatto and John McDermott

Music Michael Struck

Acolytes and Readers	Dawn Rice
Ushers	Gary Towery and Larry Santucci
Altar Guild	Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Flowers	Alex Elliot

Children's Ministry	Karin Holsinger
Youth Group	David Hardin

Downing Library	Tom Witt
Epistle (Monthly Newsletter)	Chloe Martin
Service Bulletins and Centering Prayer	Chris Olson
St. Anne's	Alice King
Monthly Book Group and St. Paul's History	Joy Moss

Death Row Ministry	Richard Olive
Teen Success Breakfast	Ginny Horton
San Rafael Health Care Worship	Sue Adamson
St. Monnica's Mutual Housing Community	Jacob Moody and Kati Dombrosky
Our Homeless Neighbors	Bobby Owen and Ginny Horton

PRAYER LIST

Dale	Joan Peterson	Mike Z
David S	Joseph Cook	Olivia Monforte
Dorian Survivors	Justin Merriman	Sandy & Herbert
Earl	Laura Gordon	Susan Fischer
Eva Anderson	Linda Bartera	Those In Border Cages
Felicia D	Mark Hardin	Y.A.H.
Hasan, Connie, Zachariah, Sienna & George Sume	Mary & Jim	
Jaime K	Mike A	