



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 3, 2019, Consecration Sunday



At St. Paul's, on the corner of Mission and Court, amidst the hubbub of the sporadic honks of horns and the cries of children, I watched the young and the old, the joyful and the concerned as they came through the Courtyard seeking a place of Peace and Renewal.

I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I was theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers...I have the immense joy of being human, a member of the race in which God himself became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now that I realize what we all are. If only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around Shining Like The Sun!

Excerpted from *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander* by Thomas Merton (modified by Pat Curtis)

WORSHIP

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

Prelude	Build My Life	Pat Barrett
Opening Hymn	474	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	149	BCP p. 807
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Anthem	For Thou Art Worthy to be Praised	Pyotr Tchaikovsky
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	397, 576	Hymnal
Hymn	554	Hymnal
Time of Commitment		

Please leave Silently and join the Celebration Brunch in Duncan Hall

SERVING TODAY

Preacher:	The Rev. Molly Haws
Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Pierce Gore, Chris Hammond
Readers:	Pierce Gore, Jack Beggs
Ushers:	Eric Guastavino, Larry Santucci
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Linda Danford, Katie Taggart, Jan Santucci

CHRISTOPHER'S CONSECRATION SUNDAY MESSAGE

Dear Friends-

This year we have approached our annual giving from a whole new perspective. Under the leadership of Pat Curtis we have followed a well-tested approach called Consecration Sunday. Many people have been involved in this approach, all of whom are listed at the bottom of this page. Together we have carefully, prayerfully and thoughtfully followed the suggestions in the book.

As with anything new, we often wondered why we were doing the things recommended in the program only to discover, time after time, that this tested program was able to shift our relationship to money in helpful ways. One person reported that she had always felt guilty when saying the vow in Discipleship Groups about "working toward the tithe" but now, thanks to Consecration Sunday, felt it as an invitation to grow spiritually. Another person, with a strong tradition of generous giving, felt a sense of relief as she realized she didn't need to give out of guilt but out of sheer gratitude. One of the key leaders shifted from thinking "people have to give! It's their duty to help St. Paul's!" to understanding that, by embracing proportional giving, the money could truly be experienced as a gift to God.

We will each have our own experience this year as we shift to Consecration Sunday as a way for each of us to embrace the Biblical invitation to generosity. Thank you to everyone listed below for helping lead us all into yet another step of Christian growth and maturity.

Faithfully,
Christopher

The Consecration Sunday Team Giving with Gladness and Singleness of Heart

Announcer #1: Michael Green, Patrick Bowen

Announcer #2: Walter Tanner

Announcer #3: Michael Welcome, Kate Sprague

Telephone Chairperson: John McDermott

Advisors: Jacob Moody, Judy Rowcliffe, Joan Adams, the Rev. Christopher H. Martin

Guest Leader: The Rev. Molly Haws

Communication Preparation: Lorrie Bugatto

Church Financial Secretary: Holly Pritchard

Celebration Brunch Chairperson: Katie Taggart

Consecration Sunday Chairperson: Pat Curtis

The Vestry: The Rev. Christopher H. Martin (Rector), Walter Tanner (Senior Warden), Buzz Wollam (Junior Warden), Libby Silvestri, Richard Micheli, Katie Taggart, Michael Welcome, Patrick Bowen

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, 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

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