



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, April 30, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Easter

We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. 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	Prelude	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	Bring Flowers of the Rarest	<i>Insert</i>
Gloria	S-280 (<i>Service music found in front of hymnal</i>)	Hymnal
First Reading	Acts 2:42-47	
Psalm	23	BCP p. 612
Second Reading	1 Peter 2:19-25	
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Gospel	John 10:1-10	
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People	Form VI	BCP p. 392
Offertory Anthem	Ave Maria	Jacques Arcadelt
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	645	Hymnal
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Closing Hymn	205	Hymnal
Postlude	Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now	J. S. Bach

The altar flowers are given by Wes and Linda to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Della Holloway.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Seminarian:	Erin Wiens St. John
Choirmaster/Organist::	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Valerie Zander, Walter Tanner
Prayers of the People:	Erin Wiens St John
Ushers:	Alice King, Byrd Coleman
Altar Guild:	Judy Rowcliffe
Tech Support:	Josh Becker, Dennis DeMille
Coffee Hour:	Kari Simpson

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation

Confirmation is a ritual where we make an adult decision to be a member of a church. Confirmation is June 10th at Grace Cathedral. Preparation discussions are Sundays after church with Christopher and Erin in Duncan Hall.

Celebration of Flowers

This Sunday we have our second annual Celebration of Flowers where we honor Mary in the worship service and then create 185 small bouquets to deliver to local care facilities. Join us in this joyful and generous work.

Lunches for St. Vincent's

Join us to make delicious, bagged lunches for our hungry neighbors at St. Vincent's – Wednesday, April 26, May 10 and May 24 at 4:30pm in Duncan Hall. We make 50+ lunches – the more hands the merrier! And you'll be serving those Jesus asked us to serve! All are welcome.

Weekly at St. Paul's

Here's the list of weekly events: Sun. 9am Spiritual Forum, 11:15am Becoming Episcopalian. Tue 8:30am Morning Prayer. Wed. 10am Bible Study. Th. 6pm Bible Study. The heart of St. Paul's is Discipleship Groups, which we often call D Groups. These meet weekly at the convenience of members. To find out more, email Christopher at cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org.

PRAYER LIST

Alex R	David G	Kappen Family	Scarlett W
Ann G	Diane T	Michael C	Siobhan E & Family
Barry B	Faith	Mike S	Steve B
Bernice	Heidi M	Neyat T	Ukraine Victims
Bill T	Joseph B	Olivia C & Family	Vincent S
Chris O	Joshua L & Family	Roseanna M	

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Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Author: Mary E. Walsh

1 Bring flowers of the rarest, bring flowers of the fairest,
From garden and woodland, and hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest Rose of the dale.

Chorus:

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

2 Our voices ascending, in harmony blending,
Oh! thus may our hearts turn, dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! thus shall we prove thee how truly we love thee,
How dark, without Mary, life's journey would be. [Chorus]

3 O Virgin most tender, our homage we render,
Thy love and protection, sweet Mother, to win;
In danger defend us, in sorrow befriend us,
And shield our fond hearts from contagion of sin. [Chorus]

4 Of Mothers the dearest, oh, wilt thou be nearest,
When life with temptation is darkly replete?
Forsake us, oh never! our hearts, be they ever
As pure as the lilies we lay at thy feet. [Chorus]