



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, October 15, 2023, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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	Vincent Graham-Stadlin
Opening Hymn	645	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 (<i>Service music found in front of hymnal</i>)	Hymnal
First Reading	Exodus 32:1-14	
Psalm	106:1-6, 19-23	BCP p. 606
Second Reading	Philippians 4:1-9	
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Gospel	Matthew 22:1-14	
Baptismal Hymn	515	Hymnal
The Baptism		<i>Insert</i>
Offertory Anthem	Bread Now	Vincent Graham-Stadlin
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	339, 664	Hymnal
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Closing Hymn	688	Hymnal
Postlude	Postlude	Vincent Graham-Stadlin

The altar flowers are given by Alex and Larry to the glory of God and in gratitude for our 43 years together.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Seminarian:	Erin Wiens St. John
Acolytes:	Valerie Zander, Lex Bernier
Reader:	Andrew Shumaker
Ushers:	Gary Towery, Eric Guastavino
Altar Guild:	Felicia Demann, Walter Tanner, Alex Elliot
Tech Support:	Josh Becker, Dennis DeMille
Coffee Hour:	Kari Simpson

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Us Feed Our Hungry Neighbors

Join us in Duncan Hall at 4:30pm on 10/18 to make sack lunches! We take them to St. Vincent's, and they hand them out to the hungry. What better way to follow in Jesus' footsteps?

St. Paul's Book Club

The St. Paul's Book Club is reading *The Maidens* in advance of our October 20 meeting at 4:30pm in Duncan Hall. Alex Michaelides' second novel is highly acclaimed: "Tautly plotted and impeccably paced, it's an intelligent and propulsive second novel."—*The Observer*. Join us for a lively discussion!

Say It With Flowers!

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by donating the Altar flowers on a particular Sunday. It can be a one-time commemoration or set up annually. Your donation will be noted in the Sunday service leaflet. You can even request types of flowers and colors. Contact Alex Elliott to get on the schedule – 415-488-7930. A \$40 donation is recommended.

Weekly at St. Paul's

Sun. 9am Spiritual Forum, 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

Andy S & Family	Joan A	Lilibet G	Roseanna M
Ann P	John M	Linda S	Scarlett W
Chris O	Jon B	Olivia C & Family	Steve B
Inge B & Family	Joseph B	Peter W & Family	Ukraine Victims
Jack B	Ken G	Rob	Victims in Israel & Gaza

At St. Paul's...Giving is Easy!
<https://onrealm.org/StPaulsSanRafael/Give>
No login or Realm account needed



THE BAPTISM

Hymn 516

(Procession of Baptismal party to the font)

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents **I present Teddy to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support them in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver Teddy, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water...

...To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptisms

Celebrant Teddy, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Heavenly God, we thank you

...and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Teddy, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The baptisand is presented with a baptismal candle lit from the Paschal Candle.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.