

February 14, 2021

10:00 a.m. Sung Matins

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a diverse, inclusive community in the Episcopal Diocese of California. We are a member of Integrity, the LGBTQ+ ministry of the Episcopal Church, and are welcoming to all who attend in worship.

We're happy to have you with us today. Our worship follows the order of the Book of Common Prayer 1979 (BCP), Rite II, with music from a variety of musical resources authorized by the Episcopal Church: 1982 Hymnal, Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) and Enriching Our Worship (EOW).

Join the service Live Stream on our Facebook page [here](#).

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PRELUDE

Aberystwyth
Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Morning Prayer

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the ministers.

OPENING HYMN

LEVAS 109

What a friend we have in Jesus
C. Converse

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bere'd with a load of care?

1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

THE INVITATORY & PRECES



Lord, o - pen our lips.



And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



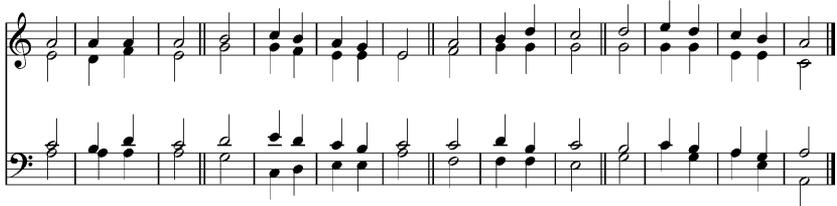
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia.

VENITE

Hymnal S-38



- 1 Come, let us ¹sing to the ¹Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the ¹Rock of ¹our sal¹vation.
- 2 Let us come before his ¹presence with thanks¹ giving *
and raise a loud¹ shout to ¹him with ¹psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a ¹great ¹God, *
and a great ¹King a¹bove all ¹gods.
- 4 In his hand are the ¹caverns of the ¹earth, *
and the heights of the ¹hills are ¹his¹ also.
- †5 The sea is ¹his, for he ¹made it, *
and his hands have ¹molded the ¹dry¹ land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and ¹bend the ¹knee, *
and ¹kneel before the ¹Lord our ¹Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his ¹pasture and the ¹sheep of his ¹hand. *
Oh, that to ¹day you would ¹hearken to his ¹voice! |

All sit.

PSALM 50: 1-6

Deus deorum
Christopher Kula

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its
setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

All stand.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

II Kings 2: 1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to

him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

All stand.

CANTICLE 9: The First Song of Isaiah

WLP 882
Ecce, Deus

Cantor *All*

1. Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid.

2. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de - fense, and he will be my Sa - vior.

3. Therefore you shall draw wa - ter with re-joic-ing from the springs of sal - va - tion.

4. And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and

call up - on his Name; 5. Make his deeds known a - mong

the peo-ples; see that they remember that his Name is ex - alt - ed.

6. Sing the praises of the Lord, who has done great things,

and this is known in all the world.

7. Cry a - loud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
 for - e - ver. A - men.

All sit.

THE SECOND READING

II Corinthians 4: 3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

All stand.

CANTICLE 14: A Song of Penitence

WLP 888
Kyrie Pantokrator

1. Al - might - y Lord Most High draw near whose awe - some
 2. How mea - sure - less your mer - cies stand, the hope and
 3. From such a heart we bend the knee and all our
 4. So lift on high the Sav - ior's praise with all the

splen - dor none can bear; e - ter - nal God, in mer - cy hear,
 pledge of sins for - given; those sins, un - num - bered as the sand,
 sin and shame con - fess. Lord, your un - worth - y serv - ants see,
 hosts of heaven a - bove, and sing through ev - er - last - ing days

re - ceive once more the sin - ner's prayer; u - pon your
 that hide the ver - y stars of heaven; O God of
 and clothe us round with right - eous - ness; that loved and
 the God of glor - y grace and love. The Lord of

word of grace we call whose word of pow - er has or - dered all.
 grace, to us im - part a pen - i - tent and con - trite heart.
 par - doned, healed and blest, we taste your mer - cies man - i - fest.
 all let us a - dore, for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

All sit.

THE THIRD READING

Mark 9: 2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

All stand.

CANTICLE 12: A Song of Creation

WLP 885

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.
2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun - tains,
3. O men and wo - men ev - ery - where, lift up a hymn of glo - ry;

Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.
sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun - tains.
let all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry.

Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
 Lithe wa - ter life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -
 No tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum - ble souls and meek of heart: ex -

alt the God who made you.
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THE APOSTLES' CREED

Monotone

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

THE PRAYERS

Monotone

The people stand or kneel

Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES B

Cantor or Officiant

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inher - i - tance;

People

R. Govern and uphold them, now and al - ways.


V. Day by day we bless you;


R. We praise your Name for ev - er.


V. Lord, keep us from all sin to - day;


R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mer - cy.


V. Lord, show us your love and mer - cy;


R. For we put our trust in you.


V. In you, Lord, is our hope;


R. And we shall never hope in vain.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

LEVAS 156
Come to me
Negro Spiritual

The musical score is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. "Come to me, Ye who are hard op - pressed;
2. "Come to me!" Je - ho - vah gen - tly pleads;

1. Lay your head gen - tly up - on my breast;
2. "Come to me, I can sup - ply all needs;

1. Come to me, And I will give you rest; wea-ry
 2. And my way, Un-to green pas-ture leads; Free from

1. one, Hith-er come! God is your home!"
 2. sin! En-ter in! God is your home!"

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

A period of silence is kept following the sermon.

All stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Monotone

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your
 praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to your service,
 and by walking before you
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

LEVAS 87

More love to thee, O Christ

W. H. Doane

1. More love to thee, O Christ, More love to thee!
2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;
3. Then shall my ev - ery breath Sing out your praise;

1. Hear thou the prayer I make On bend - ed knee;
2. Now thee a - lone I seek, Give what is best;
3. This be the on - ly song My heart shall raise;

1. This is my ear - nest plea;
2. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
3. This still my prayer shall be:

More love to thee, More love to thee!

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SENTENCE

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

II Corinthians 13:14

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fugue in G major (BuxWV 175)
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Ash Wednesday 2021

Livestream & Zoom worship:

12:10 From the Chapel

7 p.m. from the main Sanctuary



Bishop Marc has invited the clergy of the Diocese to think differently about our observance of Ash Wednesday and the way in which we invite to the observance of a holy Lent with the marking of our foreheads. If you are joining us for the services we invite you to have a bit of dirt from your yard at hand. When the person leading worship so invites you will mark yourself or ask a member of your household to mark you with the sign of the cross.

As an alternative, if you are able and willing to come by the church building, the clergy of St. Paul's will Administering ashes on the go during the following intervals in front of the building:

8-8:30 a.m.

11-11:30 a.m.

3-3:30 p.m.

5-5:30 p.m.

2019 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES:

Lenten Race + Faith

What does it mean to seek God and continue to walk forward in the Way of Love, especially as it relates to issues of justice and race? Join Cara Meredith, author of [*The Color of Life*](#) and member of St. Paul's, for a six-week interactive discussion series every Wednesday night in Lent. Each week will feature conversations with various faith leaders and authors from around the Bay Area, as well as dialogue around key themes of race and faith from her book.

Dates: Wednesdays, February 24th - March 31st, 7-8:30 pm on Zoom.

To prepare, grab a copy of [*The Color of Life*](#) from your favorite bookseller. Contact the office for an autographed copy and we'll pop one in the mail to you.

LENT LITURGICAL LIVESTREAM & ZOOM SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 AM Said Service

9:15 AM Morning Prayer in the Courtyard (LIVESTREAM ONLY)

10 AM Choral Services

11:30AM Bible Study (ZOOM ONLY)

FIRST SUNDAYS

4 PM Evensong

FOURTH SUNDAYS

8 PM Compline

TUESDAYS

10 AM Morning Prayer (ZOOM ONLY)

WEDNESDAYS

7 PM Evening Prayer;

followed by Lent Program (ZOOM ONLY)

THURSDAYS

10AM Morning Prayer in the Park

FRIDAYS

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be scheduled with any priest.

Prayer requests for you or a loved one may be communicated by placing a note in the offering plate. We will include them in our regular prayer concerns. You may also send prayer requests to prayers@stpaulsoakland.org.

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Soprano: Alice Brilmayer, Mackenzie Covington*, Christine Duke
 Alto: Amy Kessler*, Victoria Larson, Sharon Pilmer
 Tenor: Joshua Black*, Ben Clausen, Elizabeth Jenkins, Richard Larson
 Bass: Charles Blue, William Davis, John Prescott, Philip Saunders*

*Section leader

**LITURGICAL
SCHEDULE**

*Live stream only, until
further notice.*

Sundays

8 AM Spoken Eucharist in
the Church

10 AM Choral Eucharist in
the Church

Fourth Sundays

8 PM Compline in the
Church

(Temporarily suspended)

First Sundays

4 PM Evensong in the
Church

Wednesdays

12:10 PM Spoken Eucharist
with Healing Service on the
1st Wednesday in the Chapel

**The Sacrament of
Reconciliation may be
scheduled with any priest.**

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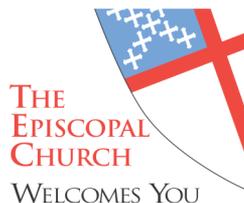
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Parking is available in the Senior Center/ Veteran's Memorial Building lot (across Bay Place from the church) for Sunday services. Street parking is unrestricted on Sundays, but metered/2-hour limit all other days. Additional paid parking is available at Children's Fairyland on Grand Ave. and at lots at 155 Grand Ave. and at W 23rd St. & Waverly (behind 180 Grand Ave.). The nearest BART station is the 19th Avenue stop, a .7 mile walk.



Event Notification: If you would like to receive information on St. Paul's events and ministries, or receive a call from clergy, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and place in the collection plate or sign the visitor book in the Narthex. **To join our email list, sign up on our website, www.stpaulsoakland.org**

Parishioner Directories are available in either printed or digital form. To request your copy please call or email (510.834.4314 Ext. 501/admin@stpaulsoakland.org).

Name Tags

Let us greet you with your name! Please pick up your name tag in the narthex as you enter the Church or at the coffee hour afterwards.

The Restroom

One is located at the back of the church through the side door. A wheelchair accessible restroom is also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Questions?

Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help if you require any assistance.



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