

St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND



Carrying Forth the Work & Word of Jesus Christ

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 26, 2020

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Paul's is a diverse, inclusive community in the Episcopal Diocese of California. We are a member of Integrity and of Oasis, the Gay and Lesbian ministry of the Diocese of California, and are welcoming to all who attend in worship.

*To our Parents: We welcome your children to participate in our worship. During the 10 a.m. service, children ages 3 and older may participate in **Faith Quest/Godly Play program** in the St. Paul's School building. Adult supervision is provided. Younger children can enjoy **Mustard Seeds**, our professionally staffed nursery in the back of the church.*

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 Music (EOM) and other approved forms.

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following is said

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 26: 9-21

After he was in prison for some time, Paul was permitted to state his case before King Agrippa. Paul said to the King, “Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities. With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.’ I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The Lord answered, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

Deus Misereatur

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
 show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 **Let your ways be known upon earth, ***
 your saving health among all nations.
- 3 **Let the peoples praise you, O God; ***
 let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, ***
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 **Let the peoples praise you, O God; ***
 let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 **The earth has brought forth her increase; ***
 may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 **May God give us his blessing, ***
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 1:11-24

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any

other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:16-22

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Abbott Bailey

A period of silence is kept following the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

by Madyé Parrish

Seek the Lord in his temple, beloved of Christ, and rejoice in the wondrous transformations only God can make: darkness giving way to light; sorrow ceding to joy. Draw nearer to the kingdom of heaven when the Lord speaks in your heart. Seek the Lord—seek his face.

Instill in us the fearlessness of faith to endure the tests of this world, that we may give our testimony of your infinite love.

Silence

The kingdom of heaven has come near,

I will seek your face, Lord.

Hide not your face from those who teach with fearless faith: our

Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishop, Mark, our Rector, Mauricio, our priests, Anne and Christian, our Deacon, Carolyn and all the laypersons who serve God in the church. Continue to unite them in the same mind and purpose as they do your will.

Silence

The kingdom of heaven has come near,

I will seek your face, Lord.

Mighty counselor, our nations are divided at all levels of leadership. Ignite a fearless faith in your citizens to hold those who govern accountable to all, especially the underserved, underrepresented, undervalued, and underestimated.

Silence

The kingdom of heaven has come near,

I will seek your face, Lord.

Most merciful God, loose the rod of oppression. Deliver strength to your children who suffer psychologically, emotionally, financially, physically and spiritually. Encourage the incarcerated, protect the most vulnerable child and senior citizen. Break the yoke of all burdens; shine your great light in every instance of darkness.

Silence

The kingdom of heaven has come near,

I will seek your face, Lord.

Multiplier of nations, remind us to that this earth is our shelter—and every creature with whom we share its water land, and air. Let there be no fractures in our global campaign of environmental stewardship. Heal the flora and fauna devastated by fire, provide resources and refuge for every form of life suffering the impact of extreme weather and irreversible climate change.

Silence

The kingdom of heaven has come near,

I will seek your face, Lord.

God of salvation, our faith is tested by our finite time on Earth.

Comfort those who mourn the loss of a loved one, prepare the hearts and minds of those—young and old—who prepare to depart this life. Remind us that the message of the cross is not foolishness to those of us whose fearless faith provide the blessed assurance that we are being saved, it is the power of God.

Silence

The kingdom of heaven has come near,
I will seek your face, Lord.

The Celebrant add a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel as are able.

Silence

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion

All stand as the Celebrant raises the offerings and together sing the Doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Music: Old 100th



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant, says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant then continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues,

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People and Celebrant

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 and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then is said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant invites all to God's table saying

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome at the Lord's table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. To receive Communion in your pew, please ask an usher to notify the ministers on your behalf. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask at the altar rail.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received Communion, the people stand or kneel as the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The priest blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

EVENTS AT THE EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY TO UC BERKELEY

The Episcopal Campus Ministry to UC Berkeley invites you to two special events to start the spring semester.

Thursday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m. – St. Mark's in Berkeley

We will have an Epiphany Carols service with music and readings that mark the incarnate manifestation of Jesus.

Thursday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. - St. Mark's in Berkeley

We are excited to welcome Bishop Marc for an annual celebration of Candlemas. We will conclude the Christmas festival with music and the blessing of candles. Following the service Bishop Marc will present on his experience with Thich Nhat Hanh and his relationship with Martin Luther King. RSVP (not mandatory) or inquiries may be made to Tom Poyner: calcanterbury@gmail.com

ST. PAUL'S WINDOWS NEED A PHOTOGRAPHER!

We are updating Virginia McCormick's wonderful booklet on our beautiful windows. We do not, alas, have excellent images of all our windows. The lower windows do not present a problem--the larger and higher ones do. If you have the equipment, a workable plan to photograph the latter, and are willing to contribute your efforts, please contact Robert Knapp (510) 658 6547
rcknapp2@gmail.com

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.

Tito Alvarez	Alexander Glenn	Richard Paul
Catherine Ann	Grace Gough	Garrett Petersen
Kathleen Jean Anthony	Londell Guffen	Robert Pilmer
Stephanie Azlin-Carr	Vincent Hall	Mark Pingree
Anne Barclay	Pastor Motuba Harding	David Raskin
Dr. Basdeo Balkissoon	Chrystina Harris	Joel Reyna
Susan Bayh	Michelle Hartmann	Margaret Smith
Aaron A. Benjamin	David Holley	Paul Sporer
Lisa Bishop	Eric Hubert	Angelo & Bruna Taranta
Mitch Boyer	Mark Hunter	Ramona Terry
Bob Breshears, Jr.	Sharon Hyde	Loretta VanderVeen
Kate Britton	Nick Indehar	Nell Varnedoe
Maggie Britton	Gregory Jackson	Cary Virtue
Helena Busquets	Doug Jensen	Renee Walker-Bolden
Cheryl Clausen	Peter Johnson	Glen Wood
Denise Conley	Sam Johnson	Norman Young
Martika Crawford	Reginald & Theresa Lane	
John Ross Devlin	Natalie Lehman-Buckingham	
Victoria Maxine Devlin	Annie Lesch	
Edwina Devlin	Vita Lopata	
Brian Faucette	Nicole McClain	
Marshall Galinsky	Ruby McClain	
Jewels Gibbs	Ginny McCormick	

CLERGY

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Archdeacon

The Rev. Christian Harding
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sundays

8 AM Spoken Eucharist in the Church

10 AM Choral Eucharist in the Church

First Sundays

4 PM Evensong in the Church

Fourth Sundays

8 PM Compline 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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Paula Hawthorn, Erica Terry-Derryck, Tonia D'Amelio

WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING

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 the office (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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