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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

PRIDE

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson



For years I have struggled with trying to understand the plight of those whose gender and sexuality fall outside the binary system that over time

has created two basic groups who are judged as either acceptable or unacceptable. I realize that the main reason for my personal struggle of understanding is because, for the most part, I fall within the group whom the more conservative parts of society would consider acceptable, namely a heterosexual person. I have never been asked to reconsider or suppress who I am or my expression of attraction or love for another person, particularly because they have always been geared toward persons of the other side of the binary construct.

I was raised in a culture where nicknames were all but a norm. In Costa Rica nicknames are a form of endearment, a charming way to address

someone other than their names. But it was interesting, and now disturbing, for me to note that the names or words used to address someone known to be gay or lesbian were anything but endearing. To the contrary, they were insulting and demeaning.

Our faith tradition doesn't help much with this issue either, for though we are making significant progress to change our theology and behavior (which gives me great hope for future generations), the damage we have caused over the centuries has created wounds so deep that it will take a long period of repentance and amendment to bridge the gap. A group of young people recently asked me why church people use the Bible, Jesus, and God to justify their actions against other people, especially when they themselves are not living in accordance with biblical teachings and expectations but rather pick and choose which rules apply and which they may disregard. The time lapse between the question and my potential response allowed someone in

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PRELUDE PREVIEWS RETURN!



Before each 10am service this Summer, Christopher Kula will continue to play through J S Bach's cycle of keyboard preludes and fugues known as "The Well Tempered Clavier." Before the prelude, musicologist and choir member John Prescott will speak for a few minutes about the piece we are about to hear and how Bach's music can lead us into the prayerful space of the liturgy.

PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

Please continue to support the work of our pantry.

The Pantry reopened the second Sunday in May.

The process of restocking the inventory is on the way and for the month of June we are hoping to receive your donations of strawberry jelly and juice.

Thanks for your continued support and prayers.

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S



Sunday, June 2,

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
10 am, Choral Eucharist**

Psalm 97, C. Kula

Pachelbel, *Fantasia in D Minor*

Fauré, *Cantique de Jean Racine*

Saint-Saëns, *Ave verum corpus*

Frank Bridge, *Allegro Marziale*

With St. Paul's Chancel Choir. Christopher Kula, Music Director and organist.

4pm, Evensong

Evensong (first Sunday of every month at 4pm) is a beautifully meditative service of psalms, canticles, hymns, and anthems. The music draws primarily on the English cathedral tradition of the Tudor Chapel Royal, rounded out by Renaissance, Baroque and contemporary repertoire from other regions.

This short Anglican service combines the end-of-day monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. Since the latter part of the 16th century, England's greatest composers have contributed to the rich musical tradition of this uplifting and beautiful liturgy. With St. Paul's Schola Cantorum, Christopher Kula, Director.



Sunday, June 9,

Whitsunday/ Pentecost

10 am, Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Psalm 104:25-35, 37, C. Kula

Gerre Hancock, *Air*

Gerre Hancock, *Missa Resurrectionis*

Byrd, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Byrd, *I will not leave you comfortless*

Mendelssohn, *Finale (Sonata VI)*

Final Sunday of the Chancel Choir season.

With St. Paul's Chancel Choir. Christopher Kula, Music Director and organist.

Sunday, June 16,

TRINITY SUNDAY

10 am, Eucharist with Music

Christopher Kula, Music Director.

Sven Olbash, organ

Philip Saunders, bass

Near, *O lux, beata Trinitas*

Monastic tone, *Salve Regina*

Walther, *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*

4pm, Concert

Castle, Court, and Chamber: Harpsichords at Home,

San Francisco Choral Artists,

Magen Soloman, Artistic Director.

Sacred and profane, old and new music for the spiritual enhancement and entertainment of both royalty and regular folk. Featuring our SFCA+1 guests, internationally-known harpsichordist Jillon Stoppels Dupree, and cellist Paul Hale, with works for chorus, harpsichord and both, from the Baroque and 20th/21st centuries by composers famous and anonymous. Works by Handel, Bach, Monteverdi, Schütz, Carissimi, and world premieres by our Composer-in- and Not-in-Residence.

Tickets and more at sfca.org

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, June 23, Second Sunday after Pentecost

10 am, Eucharist with Music
Christopher Kula, Music Director and organist.
MacKenzie Covington, soprano
Bach, *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor (WTC)*
Mozart, *Laudate Dominum*
Alberti, *Der du bist drei in Einigkeit*

8pm, Compline

Since October of 2002 the choir of St. Paul's has sung Compline on the fourth Sunday of every month at 8:00 pm. The transcendent quality of the Gregorian Chant, along with the beauty of St. Paul's Church bathed in candlelight, has made the service an oasis of peace in the lives of those who attend, both Christians and Non-

Christians. The candles are lit at 7.50 and the church remains open for a half hour after the service ends (usually around 8.40). With St. Paul's Compline Choir. Christopher Kula, Choir Director.

Sunday, June 30, Third Sunday after Pentecost

10 am, Eucharist with Music

Christopher Kula, Music Director and organist.

Amy Kessler, alto
Bach, *Prelude and Fugue in A-flat Major (WTC)*
Purcell, *Vouchsafe, O Lord*
Bach, *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor*

TWO POTLUCKS IN JUNE



June will be a busy month for food at St. Paul's. On June 9, we celebrate Pentecost with a feast in honor of the Holy Spirit.

Then, on June 30, we'll have our annual Pride Potluck.

Bring food to share, and be sure to bring your appetite!

JOIN ST. PAUL'S SUMMER CHOIR!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sing in a Saint Paul's Choir? Here's your chance to find out. Everyone is welcome to join the Summer Choir. Simply show up at 9:15 on Sunday morning, starting on

June 16. We'll have a brief rehearsal before the 10:00 am service. Learn simple chanting and sing with one of our wonderful section leaders. You'll be glad you did.

DONATIONS TO ST. PAUL'S

Using your Smartphone, scan this QR Code to make a digital offering to St. Paul's Church. Your donation will be processed through SPEC's PayPal account.



2019 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio
Wilson – *Rector*
Irene Plunkett
Senior Warden
Will Cowart
Junior Warden
Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Clerk
Sandra Anderson
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2019

Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Irene Plunkett
Will Cowart

Class of 2020

Allison Sass
Dylan Versteeg
Bill Davis

Class of 2021

Madyé Parrish
Sergio Prieto
Erica Terry-Derryck

Future meetings:

June 25
September 24
October 22

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

Delegates

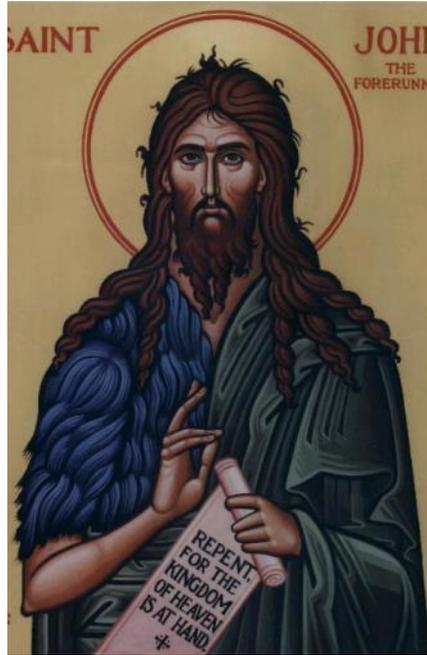
Melanie Blake
James Kadleck
Tom McGarrell

Alternates

To Be Appointed

SAINT OF THE MONTH

John the Baptist



Messiah, baptizing his followers to signify their repentance and new life. Jesus himself was baptized by John in the Jordan.

John had many followers, some of whom became Jesus' disciples. Because of his denunciation of the sins of Herod, especially Herod's incestuous marriage, John incurred the enmity of Herodias, Herod's wife, and was put in prison. Through Herodias' plotting with Salome, her daughter, Herod was led to promise a gift to Salome, who demanded John's head. John was thereupon executed.

John is remembered during Advent as a prophet, and at Epiphany as the baptizer of Jesus. The Gospel according to John quotes the Baptist as saying to his followers that Jesus is the Lamb of God, and prophesying, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Newsletter contributors sought

We are interested in hearing from writers and photographers; please email us if you would like to donate your talents.

The deadline for each edition is the 25th of the month previous to publication.

Please send your submissions of no more than 500 words to: halice@pacbell.net.

John the Baptist, the prophet, and forerunner of Jesus, was the son of elderly parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, and was related to Jesus on his mother's side. His birth is celebrated six months before Christmas Day, since, according to Luke, Elizabeth became pregnant six months before the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary.

John figures prominently in all four Gospels, but the account of his birth is given only in the Gospel according to Luke. His father, Zechariah, a priest of the Temple at Jerusalem, was struck speechless because he doubted a vision foretelling John's birth. When his speech was restored, Zechariah uttered a canticle of praise, the Benedictus, which is one of the canticles in the Daily Office.

John lived ascetically in the desert. He was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt, and ate locusts and wild honey. He preached repentance, and called upon people to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom and of the

SAINT OF THE MONTH

Evelyn Underhill



spent nearly fifteen years wrestling painfully with the idea of converting to Roman Catholicism, but decided in the end that it was not for her.

In 1921, Evelyn Underhill became reconciled to her Anglican roots, while remaining what she called a “Catholic Christian.” She continued with her life of reading, writing, meditation, and prayer. She had already published her first great spiritual work, *Mysticism*. This was followed by many other books, culminating in her most widely read and studied book, *Worship* (1937).

Evelyn Underhill’s most valuable contribution to spiritual literature must surely be her conviction that the mystical life is not only open to a saintly few, but to anyone who cares to nurture it and weave it into everyday experience, and also (at the time, a startling idea) that modern psychological theories and discoveries, far from hindering or negating spirituality, can actually enhance and transform it.

Evelyn Underhill’s writings proved appealing to many, resulting in a large international circle of friends and disciples, making her much in demand as a lecturer and retreat director. She died, at age 65, in 1941.

O God, Origin, Sustainer, and End of all your creatures: Grant that your Church, taught by your servant Evelyn Underhill, guarded evermore by your power, and guided by your Spirit into the light of truth, may continually offer to you all glory and thanksgiving and attain with your saints to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have promised by our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The only child of a prominent barrister and his wife, Evelyn Underhill was born in Wolverhampton England, and grew up in London. She was educated there and in a girls’ school in Folkestone, where she was confirmed in the Church of England. She had little other formal religious training, but her spiritual curiosity was naturally lively, and she read widely, developing quite early a deep appreciation for mysticism. At sixteen, she began a life-long devotion to writing.

Evelyn had few childhood companions, but one of them, Hubert Stuart Moore, she eventually married. Other friends, made later, included such famous persons as Laurence Housman, Maurice Hewlett, and Sarah Bernhardt. Closest of all were Ethel Ross Barker, a devout Roman Catholic, and Baron Friedrich von Hügel, with whom she formed a strong spiritual bond. He became her director in matters mystical.

In the 1890’s, Evelyn began annual visits to the Continent, and especially to Italy. There she became influenced by the paintings of the Italian masters and by the Roman Catholic Church. She

SAVE Stands-Ins against gun violence

SAVE (Soldiers Against Violence Everywhere) Oakland is taking a non-violent stand against the rampant murders in our community by having “Stand-Ins” from 11 a.m. – noon near where a person was recently killed. Please contact Paula Hawthorn, 510-601-8388, if you would like to participate.

Contact Save@Truevine-Ministries.com to be put on the email list for future Stand-Ins.

**WORSHIP ROTA
ONLINE**

The current rota for the Sunday worship services is posted on the St. Paul's Web site at :
<http://www.stpaulsoakland.org/RotaSchedule>

The rota includes the names of readers, sub-deacons, intercessors, and lay Eucharistic ministers.

New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Fr. Mauricio or the Ven. Carolyn Bolton to volunteer or if you have any questions.

**WE PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO...
GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE,
WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTIONS.**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a diverse and welcoming community of God's children who come together for corporate worship, prayer, and service.



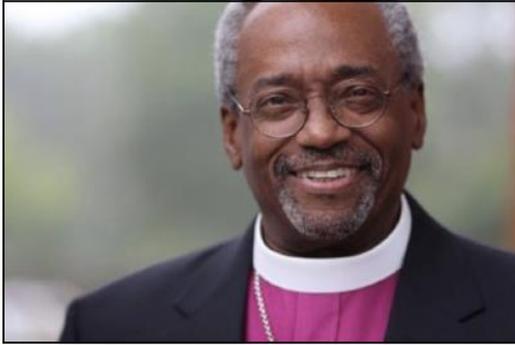
We seek to serve God in all persons, giving our love as we are bountifully loved by the Creator. We seek to be more godly (or God like) by making no distinctions among people because of cultural heritage, ethnicity, gender identification, sexual orientation, language, nationality or political stance. We strive to be a place where those carrying heavy burdens may find rest, and where those thirsty for justice may find themselves refreshed.

We pray that whoever enters the doors of this Church will experience

**GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE
SHARED AND GIVEN.**

AN INVITATION FROM PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL B. CURRY TO PRACTICE THE WAY OF LOVE

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/invitation>



The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a “Rule of Life.” The framework you now hold – **The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life** – outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
– Ephesians 3:17-19

In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God’s unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called “church” or “Christian,” this Jesus Movement was simply called “the way.”

Today I believe our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world?

It is designed to be spare and spacious, so that individuals, ministry groups, congregations, and networks can flesh it out in unique ways and build a church-wide treasure trove of stories and resources. There is no specific order you need to follow. If you already keep a Rule or spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path intersects with this one. By entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of **Turn - Learn - Pray - Worship - Bless - Go - Rest**, I pray we will grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world.

Your brother in the Way of Jesus,

+Michael

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry,
Primate and Presiding Bishop of the
Episcopal Church

Dear Readers:
In an effort to reduce paper waste and printing/ mailing expenses, we are asking anyone who gets the on-line version of The Good News and no longer needs a paper version mailed to his or her home to let us know. If you don’t get the newsletter online and would like to, or if you want to take yourself off the snail-mail list, please contact Parish Administrator at 834-4314, Ext. 501 or admin@stpaulsoakland.org. Many thanks.



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Services

SUNDAYS

8 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*
10 a.m. *Choral Eucharist*
4 p.m. *Evensong*
(First Sundays, Oct.-June)
8 p.m. *Compline*
(4th Sundays only)

WEDNESDAYS

12:10 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*
(with *Healing prayer on the 1st Wednesday of the month*)

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the group to utter: "It's because the church is full of hypocrites." I will let that statement sit by itself. Here's what I've come to realize over the years: my struggle to understand another person or group of people's plight is irrelevant. What is important is that I not be the source of the oppression and degradation of others, nor an obstacle to their liberation. I am not to impose my feelings or attempt in any way to cause the other to stumble in their process of encountering their full selves. It's not their job to educate me on how to act like an honest and caring person. It's my job to keep my eyes and ears open and to learn on my own how to love all people. Towards the end of May, I read a Facebook post (that I cannot find anymore) from a member of the

LGBTQ community, suggesting that non-LGBTQ allies and friends uninvite themselves to the Pride celebrations if they intend to make it all about themselves—if they are going to elaborate on how great they are because they are "so supportive." June, Pride Month, is not about heterosexual people's issues around the LGBTQ community. It's about this community's joy in openly celebrating what we as Christians would call their blessedness; that just like all the rest of us God's grace declares that they are good. Beloved in Christ, Happy Pride!