



March 21, 2021

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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](#).

Morning Prayer

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

Officiant To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant and People

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.

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.

VENITE

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

All: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.

All sit.

PSALM 51: 1-13

Miserere mei, Deus

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

- 6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- 7 **For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**
- 8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 **Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- 10 **Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 **Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- 12 **Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 **Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

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

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

A period of silence is observed. All stand.

CANTICLE 4

The Song of Zechariah
Benedictus Dominus Deus
Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
 for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
 in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
 which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
 and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
 and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather
Abraham, *
 that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
 might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
 all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
 to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
 for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
 whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5: 5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

A period of silence is observed. All stand.

CANTICLE 18

A Song to the Lamb

Dignus es

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

THE THIRD READING

John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went

and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**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

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 A

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness ;

People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in thee can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let thy way be known upon earth;

People **Thy saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;

and that we show forth thy praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to thy service,

and by walking before thee

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,

be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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

THE DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING SENTENCE

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Romans 15:13

St. Paul's Lenten Series

Race + Faith

Wednesdays of Lent

7-8:30 pm

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.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrc-6vqDorGtzcVg0CWkcMiXLYOjuGW-jG>

Week #1: Invitation (February 24th)

Read beforehand: *The Color of Life* (Intro, 1-2)

Watch beforehand: [MLK's Holt Street Baptist Church sermon](#) ('55)

Conversation: The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oakland

Week #2: Awareness (March 3rd)

Read beforehand: *The Color of Life* (3-5)

Watch beforehand: ["The Danger of a Single Story"](#) (Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie)

Conversation: Roy Guaranton, Ph.D. candidate

Week #3: Empathy (March 10th)

Read beforehand: *The Color of Life* (6-8)

Watch beforehand: MLK's ["A Promise Unfulfilled"](#) ('62)

Conversation: Dorcas Cheng-Tozun, author of [Start, Love, Repeat](#)

Week #4: Humility (March 17th)

Read beforehand: *The Color of Life* (9-11)

Watch beforehand: ["Humility and Anti-Racism"](#) (The Jesuit Post)

Conversation: Mitali Perkins, author of [Home is In Between](#) + a dozen others

Week #5: Change, Inside & Out (March 24th)

Read beforehand: *The Color of Life* (12-14)

Listen beforehand: ["Russell Jeung on Justice and Political Engagement"](#) (The Reclaim Podcast)

Conversation: Professor Russell Jeung, author of [At Home in Exile](#) and professor/chair of Asian American Studies Department (SFSU)

Week #6: The Beloved Community (March 31st)

Read beforehand: *The Color of Life* (15-17)

Listen beforehand: MLK's ["Drum Major Instinct"](#) ('68) – click on "listen to audio"

Conversation: The Rev. Eric Metoyer, Rector of St. Francis' Episcopal Church in San Francisco

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

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	Robert Pilmer
David Vernon Anderson	Grace Gough	Mark Pingree
Catherine Ann	Londell Guffen	Fay Putnam
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Bob Breshears, Jr.	Sharon Hyde	Paul Sporer
Kate Britton	Nick Indehar	Howard Steiermann & Family
Maggie Britton	Gregory Jackson	Angelo & Bruna Taranta
Helena Busquets	Peter Johnson	Ramona Terry
Miguel Chamorro	Rosalyn Johnson	Cheryl Torrance
Cheryl Clausen	Reginald & Theresa Lane	Cary Virtue
Denise Conley	Joan Larson	Renee Walker-Bolden
Katherine Crawford	Natalie Lehman-Buckingham	Glen Wood
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John Ross Devlin	Vita Lopata	Norman Young
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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.**

Music usage licensing and
agreements: Church Hymnal
Corporation, New York;
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Officiant

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson
Rector

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QR Code to make a digital
offering to St. Paul's Church. Your
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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 (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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