



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND

MAY 12, 2019

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 a.m. Eucharist

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 Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 9: 36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

PSALM 23

Dominus regit me

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures ***
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 **He revives my soul ***
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 7: 9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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THE GOSPEL

John 10: 22-30

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John.

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

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 Matthew Schooler

We come to worship you, Heavenly Father, and to witness the miracles being performed through the resurrected Christ. It is through Him that great things may be accomplished for the glory of your Name. We hear the voice of Christ and He knows the secrets of our hearts like a mother knows her child's own heart. Following Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, we go out to spread the message of salvation.

Watch over and protect our Holy Mother Church. May Christ always abide in her walls and remain within the hearts of all who come to her. We pray for all bishops, clergy, lay leaders and parishioners. Thank you for this church of St. Paul's where we find your word. Guide and strengthen our Rector, clergy and all those who serve. Bring joy and strength to all who approach this place as we continue on this journey together.

(Silence)

Following Jesus Christ, the Redeemer,

We go out and spread the message of salvation.

Guide the elected leaders of this nation and those leaders of other governments of this planet. May we recognize that we are all equal in your eyes God. Gather up the nations of the earth and direct us to harbor peace and equality.

(Silence)

Following Jesus Christ, the Redeemer,

We go out and spread the message of salvation.

Watch over your beloved creation, especially our Mother Earth. Guide all humankind to take care of her and may we conserve its resources for all future generations. Watch over all living beings and lead us to protect the glory of what you have granted unto us.

(Silence)

Following Jesus Christ, the Redeemer,

We go out and spread the message of salvation.

Guide our mayor, Libby and the leaders of Oakland to protect the rights and humanity of all who reside within our city. We are all equal in your eyes and may we each strive to serve and watch out for all. Help us to show the same compassion we might show a good friend. Look over the patrons of our food pantry.

(Silence)

Following Jesus Christ, the Redeemer,

We go out and spread the message of salvation.

As we are all your children and deserving of wellness, joy and recovery, send your healing strength to all who are in pain and ill. Give comfort to those who are suffering from addiction and mental pain.

(Please offer your own prayers, followed by silence)

Following Jesus Christ, the Redeemer,

We go out and spread the message of salvation.

We pray for all who have departed especially the victims of violent crime. In remembrance of Blessed Mother Mary we pray especially all mothers who have gone before us. We pray for the repose of all souls. Give reassurance to all who mourn them. We look to the day when all of us will stand together to be counted in Heaven before His heavenly throne.

(Silence)

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We go out and spread the message of salvation.

The Celebrant add a concluding collect.

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

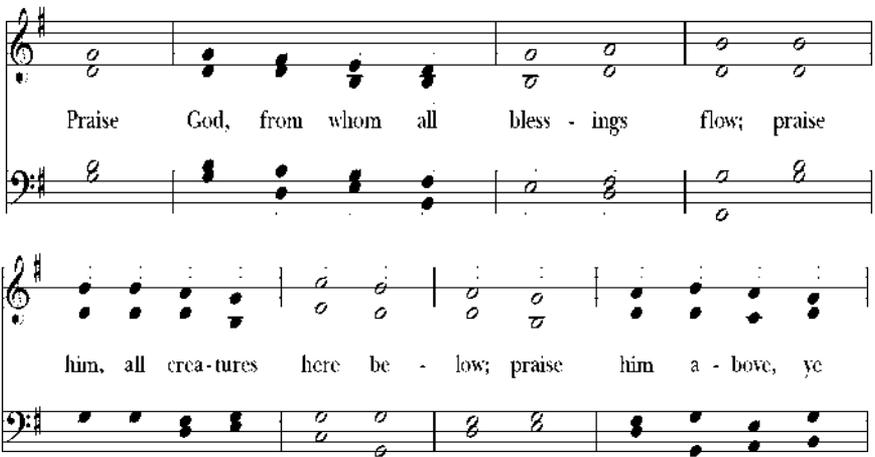
Holy Communion

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

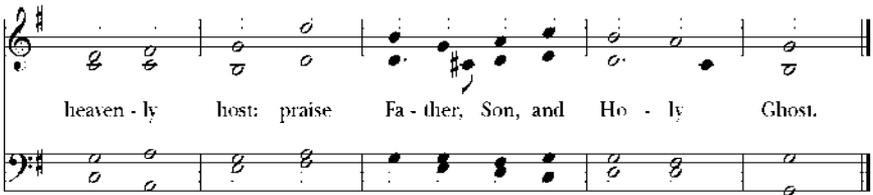
THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Music: Old 100th



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*
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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues
 We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and

above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be Incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant then continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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, 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, saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After-Church Social Justice Forum: Housing Justice



May 9 – 19 is Affordable Housing Week in the East Bay! Please join us in the Parish Hall at 11:30am, after the 10:00 Eucharist, on Sunday May 19 for an exciting conversation about the vital need for safe, quality, affordable housing for all in our community—a topic all the more important in light of our region’s current

housing crisis.

Vanessa Riles, the Interfaith Organizer at East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) will lead the session, along with representatives from other groups working for housing justice. The event will last about an hour and will include a presentation as well as small- and large-group discussion. We hope to see you there.

Sacrament of Confirmation



In the course of Christian formation, those baptized at an early age are expected — when they are ready and have been appropriately prepared — to make a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism, and to receive laying on of hands by the bishop. Confirmation is an

intentional choice to deepen relationship with God through mature membership and increased participation in the church community. For youth being confirmed, confirmation often marks the point at which one moves into spiritual adulthood, usually in late middle school or in high school. The Diocese of California recommends confirmation at age 14 and older, and considers age 12 to be the minimum age for youth confirmation.

If you are entering grades 8-12 and wish to be confirmed in the Fall of 2019 please come to a meeting with Fr. Wilson on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (during the service) in the Chapter Room. There we will have a conversation about the preparation process that will happen over the coming months. Parents will meet with Fr. Wilson that same day following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Chapter Room.

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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 Irene Plunkett—Sr. Warden
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 Dylan Versteeg
 Bill Davis
Class of 2021
 Madyé Parrish
 Sergio Prieto
 Erica Terry-Derryck

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.

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson
Rector

Assisting

The Rev. Christian Harding
Assisting Priest

Deacon

The Ven. Carolyn Bolton
Archdeacon

Lector

Kevin Gerber

Altar Guild

Pamela Kruse-Buckingham,
Annette Blue, Indira Balkissoon,
Joanna Bradley, Scott Buckingham

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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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