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To know Christ better and to make Him better known

RESPECT – HONOR - DUTY

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson



I return to St. Paul's after a month of Sabbatical (July) and a month of vacation (August), as well as looking back to the nation saying farewell to two iconic figures

in their own spheres by sharing their giftedness with the world. They touched the lives of people throughout this country and the world. They rubbed elbows with presidents and dignitaries, but also with everyday civilians. I invite you to take some time to study the lives of these two great people, who were great not because they were perfect, but rather because, despite their imperfections, they stood with and defended the least among us, those who were in need of an advocate.

in its history, Aretha Franklin and John McCain. Each of them was acclaimed as great for different reasons. Aretha was known as the "Queen of Soul," John was known as "The Maverick." They may not seem to have much in common other than the closeness of their deaths. However, in looking into their lives I realized that 1967, a year during McCain's time of captivity in Vietnam, was the same in which Aretha's most famous single, Respect, was released. Over the years since 1967, they both grew to greatness in

As I have spent days listening to the news stories about Aretha's and John's lives, I have come to recognize the thing about them both that has drawn me in over and over again. It is something they had in common and something that I share—and I hope

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FREE PIANO AVAILABLE

We have a baby grand piano up for grabs. The piano was made by the Gulbransen Company and is 4 feet, 8 inches tall. It stays in tune and is great for a small home. Piano truck not included. Please email or call Mia Gamboa in the church office if you are interested (admin@stpaulsoakland.org, (510) 834-4314 x 501).



SEPTEMBER 12 SERVICE AT GRACE CATHEDRAL WILL STRESS URGENT NEED FOR FAITH-ROOTED ACTION

Submitted by [Dani Scoville](#)

Stephanie Martin Taylor, Working Group Head for Communications

As the [Global Climate Action Summit](#) gets underway in San Francisco on September 12, 2018, members of diverse spiritual and religious communities from around the world will join with global climate leaders for a multi-faith service of connection, reflection, and commitment to climate action. At the heart of the service at [Grace Cathedral](#) will be an invitation for participants and livestream viewers to not only reflect on and be inspired by the wonders of our sacred Earth, but also to make bold new commitments to protecting our planet and its inhabitants from the ravages of climate change.

The service, sponsored by [The Episcopal Diocese of California](#), [GreenFaith](#), and [Interfaith Power & Light](#), includes a multi-faith procession; music and spoken word drawn from a variety of faith and spiritual traditions; and video greetings and words of encouragement from global faith leaders including His Holiness the Dalai Lama (via video); His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople (via a representative); the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church (via video); and members of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh's monastic community. During the service, climate action commitments from a variety of religious and spiritual leaders and communities will be announced.

Service participants will also hear in-person from California Governor Jerry Brown; California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom; Ms. Patricia Espinosa Cantello, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Ms. Christiana Figueres, former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and Ms. Catherine Flowers, Director of Environmental Justice and Civic Engagement at the Center for Earth Ethics.

In addition to encouraging new commitments, the service will honor the actions faith communities all over the world are already taking to care for our planet. Examples include:

[Living the Change](#), a global, multi-faith climate initiative coordinated by GreenFaith with partners including the Bhumi Project (Hindu), the Global Catholic Climate Movement, The Global Muslim Climate Network, Hazon (Jewish), One Earth Sangha (Buddhist), the World Council of Churches, the World Evangelical Alliance, the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, and Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quaker).

Interfaith Power & Light will present a ten-foot long scroll with the names of thousands of U.S. congregations and people of faith who have [pledged to cut](#)

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PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

Please continue to support the work of our pantry by contributing items to its inventory.

September

Bottles of juice

October

Bottles of juice

November

Bottles of juice

Bring your donations to church and place them in the offering basket in the narthex.

Thanks!

[emissions](#) from their facilities and homes by 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050.

The Episcopal Church's recent adoption of a [suite of new climate resolutions](#), a number of which were written by the Episcopal Bishop of California, [the Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus](#).

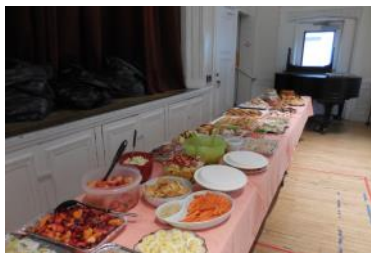
Other notable highlights of the event include new art installations by Grace Cathedral artist-in-residence [Sukey Bryan](#), singing by the Oakland-based [Thrive Choir](#), a performance by the Tree Stilt Walkers of [Cirque Berzerk](#), and a short adaptation of the climate-themed dance piece, [Dead Reckoning](#), performed by renowned San Francisco-based dance company [ODC/Dance](#).

Seating is limited, so please RSVP [here](#) to reserve your spot and/or receive information about the livestream.

A series of Faith-Rooted Climate Workshops is also being held at Grace Cathedral September 12, 13, and 14. [Read more about the schedule of offerings here](#).

HERE COMES THE BISHOP

Bishop Marc Andrus and his wife, and other officers of Grace Cathedral visited us on September 23. So, of course, we had a potluck after the 10:00 am service.



The food was wonderful and impressed our visitors mightily. Many thanks to everyone who cooked, helped setting out food, and helped clean up.

St. Paul's did it again!

INSTALLATION EVENSONG FOR CANON ABBOTT BAILEY



Please join the Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus and the Diocese of California as they joyfully gather and celebrate the installation of the new Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev. Cn. Abbott Bailey, with a Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of Men and Boys.

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.



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The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson – *Rector*
Alice Brilmayer
Senior Warden
George Strait
Junior Warden
Irene Plunkett
Clerk
Sandra Anderson
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Alice Brilmayer
George Strait
Sandra Anderson

Class of 2019
Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Irene Plunkett
Will Cowart

Class of 2020
Ben Clausen
Allison Sass
Dylan Versteeg

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

Delegates

Scott Buckingham
Paula Hawthorn
Sheila Sims

Alternates

Pamela Buckingham

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

SPECIAL MUSIC IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 2, The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 4 p.m.

10 a.m. Eucharist with Music

Christopher Kula, Music Director.

Feona Jones, piano.

Chopin, *Nocturne*, Op. 48, No. 2; Bach,

Prelude and Fugue in C (BWV 846);

Palmer, *Toccata ostinato*.

American Guild of Organists opening event

John Karl Hirten, organ.

Britten, *Prelude and Fugue on a Theme by Victoria*; Bertalot, *Preces and Responses*; Howells, *Collegium Regale*

Pott, *O Lord, support us all the day long*

Hirten, *Improvisation on Engelberg*.

Sunday, September 9, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m. Eucharist with Music

Christopher Kula, Music Director.

Palestrina, *Ricercare*; Dawson, *Ain't-a That Good News*; Palestrina, *Salve Regina*; Cornet, *Salve Regina*.

Sunday, September 23, The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Bishop Marc Andrus presiding

Christopher Kula, Music Director.

Howells, *Psalm 23*; Dawson, *There is a balm in Gilead*; Bach, *Fantasia in G*

(BWV 572); Bach, *Fantasia and Imitation in B Minor* (BWV 563).

Sunday, September 16, The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m. Eucharist with Music

Christopher Kula, Music Director.

Bach, *Prelude and Fugue in G* (BWV 860); Howells, *O Saviour of the world*

Roem, *Sing, my soul, his wondrous love*; Poston, *Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree*; Bach, *Fantasia in C* (BWV 570).

Sunday, September 30, The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Christopher Kula, Music Director.

Willan, *Dundee*; Byrd, *Teach me, Lord*

Willan, *O Sacred Feast*; Gigout, *Toccata in B Minor*.

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.

CHOIR RETREAT 2018





Long lovely lunch following the service at St Stephen's Sebastopol

Sand dunes and fog at Dillon Beach



Celebrating Labor Day on the north coast. Shoreline walking, picnics, surf fishing, kite flying, surfing.

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 11a.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.

SAINTS OF THE MONTH

CYPRIAN, BISHOP AND MARTYR OF CARTHAGE, 258

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.



Cyprian was a rich, aristocratic, and cultivated rhetorician in North Africa. He was converted to Christianity about 246, and by 248 was chosen Bishop of Carthage. A year later, in the persecution under the Emperor Decius, Cyprian went into hiding. For this he was severely criticized. Nonetheless, he kept in touch with his Church by letter, and directed it with wisdom and compassion. In the controversy over what to do with those who had lapsed during the persecution, Cyprian held that they could be reconciled to the Church after suitable periods of penance, the gravity of the lapse determining the length of the penance. His moderate position was the one that generally prevailed in the Church, over that of the rigorist Novatian, who led a group into schism at Rome and Antioch over this question. In another persecution, under the Emperor Valerian, Cyprian was placed under house arrest in Carthage, and, on September 14, 258, he was beheaded.

Many of Cyprian's writings have been preserved. His Letter No. 63 contains one of the earliest affirmations that the priest, in offering the Eucharist ("the sacrifice"), acts in the place of Christ, imitating his actions.

In his treatise, *On the Lord's Prayer*, he wrote: "We say 'Hallowed be thy Name,' not that we want God to be made holy by our prayers, but because we seek from the Lord that his Name may be made holy in us, ... so that we who have been made holy in Baptism may persevere in what we have begun to be."

Although there is some question whether his book, *On the Unity of the Catholic Church*, affirms papal primacy, there is no question about the clarity of his statements on the unity of the college of bishops and the sin of schism. "The episcopate is a single whole," he wrote, "in which each bishop's share gives him a right to, and a responsibility for, the whole. So is the Church a single whole, though she spreads far and wide into a multitude of Churches ... If you leave the Church of Christ you will not come to Christ's rewards, you will be an alien, an outcast, an enemy. You cannot have God for your Father unless you have the Church for your Mother."

Almighty God, who gave to your servant Cyprian boldness to confess the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HILDEGARD, 1179



Hildegard of Bingen, born in 1098 in the lush Rhineland Valley, was a mystic, poet, composer, dramatist, doctor, scientist. Her parents' tenth child, she was tithed to the Church and raised by the anchoress Jutta in a cottage near the Benedictine monastery of Disibodenberg. Drawn by the life of silence and prayer, other women joined them, finding the freedom, rare outside women's religious communities, to develop their intellectual gifts. They organized as a convent under the authority of the abbot of Disibodenberg, with Jutta as abbess. When Jutta died, Hildegard, then 38, became abbess. Later she founded independent convents at Bingen (1150) and Eibingen (1165), with the Archbishop of Mainz as her only superior.

From childhood, Hildegard experienced dazzling spiritual visions. At 43, a voice commanded her to tell what she saw. So began an outpouring of extraordinarily original writings illustrated by unusual and wondrous illuminations. These works abound with feminine imagery for God and God's creative activity.

In 1147, Bernard of Clairvaux recommended her first book of visions, *Scivias*, to Pope Eugenius III, leading to papal authentication at the Synod of

Trier. Hildegard became famous, eagerly sought for counsel, a correspondent of kings and queens, abbots and abbesses, archbishops and popes.

She carried out four preaching missions in northern Europe, unprecedented activity for a woman. She practiced medicine, focusing on women's needs; published treatises on natural science and philosophy; wrote a liturgical drama, *The Play of the Virtues*, in which personified virtues sing their parts and the devil, condemned to live without music, can only speak. For Hildegard, music was essential to worship. Her liturgical compositions, unusual in structure and tonality, were described by contemporaries as "chant of surpassing sweet melody" and "strange and unheard-of music."

Hildegard lived in a world accustomed to male governance. Yet, within her convents, and to a surprising extent outside them, she exercised a commanding spiritual authority based on confidence in her visions and considerable political astuteness. When she died in 1179 at 81, she left a rich legacy which speaks eloquently across the ages.

God of all times and seasons: Give us grace that we, after the example of your servant Hildegard, may both know and make known the joy and jubilation of being part of your creation, and show forth your glory not only with our lips but in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Dear Readers:

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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)

each of you share as well—a deep and unwavering faith in God and our Christ, Jesus. She was a Baptist, he an Episcopalian (though he also worshiped at his wife's Baptist Church). Like you and I, they were called to witness God's redeeming work in the world in their own particular way. I don't share the political views of Senator McCain, and I didn't share Ms. Franklin's faith tradition, but in sharing their faith in Jesus I share their faith in having RESPECT for the dignity of every human being and doing my DUTY to God and others with HONOR.

There is another word used in reference to Senator McCain that I chose not to include in the title of this article—

Country. I left it out because I believe he cared much more than just about country. He, like Aretha and so many great people, care about HUMANITY. Scripture and our Baptismal Covenant call us to live with each other, acknowledging our common humanity, dignity, and our adoption as children of God.

I ask that you pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of John, Aretha, and all the faithful departed. As we continue our own journeys of faith, let us pray for the courage to live our faith in Jesus boldly, with the willingness to encounter others who may experience life and the world differently than we do, in order to fulfill God's purposes among us.