



August 11, 2024

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

We are a diverse, inclusive community in the Episcopal Diocese of California, 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](#).

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for
 ever. Amen.**

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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

II Samuel 18: 5-9, 15,31-33

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

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

PSALM 14

De profundis

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
 LORD, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 **If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, ***
 O LORD who could stand?
- 3 **For there is forgiveness with you; ***
 therefore you shall be feared.

- 4 **I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.**
- 5 **My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.**
- 6 **O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;**
- 7 **With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 4: 25 — 5: 2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

THE GOSPEL

John 6: 35, 41-51

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Linda McConnell

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

Praying the Scriptures

One God who creates, redeems and sustains us: you brought us into being, and we cannot exist without you.

Give us the strength we need for today
And the hope we need for tomorrow.

We pray for Christ's body, your church, and for those who lead and for those who follow. Grant that we not grieve your Holy Spirit with our words or actions. Remind us that we are members of one another. Teach us to be imitators of you.

Give us the strength we need for today
And the hope we need for tomorrow.

We pray for those in authority across the globe. Infuse them with wisdom and speak peace into their hearts. Expand your vision for the world to every corner of the earth, to every part of your creation.

Give us the strength we need for today
And the hope we need for tomorrow.

We pray for those who carry burdens of illness, pain, anxiety, or grief. May they draw strength from your presence and comfort from those around who care for them. We pray for *N*.

Give us the strength we need for today
And the hope we need for tomorrow.

We pray for those who have died, who are now surrounded by your glory and the songs of angels. Comfort those who mourn with your promise of hope and the resurrected life.

Give us the strength we need for today
And the hope we need for tomorrow. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Celebrant 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.

All **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

Here are ways to contribute to the mission and ministry of the parish:

Text to Give: Text the word "GIVE" to phone number 510-900-7759.

Online giving: Go to <https://stpaulsoakland.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan this QR Code:



Paypal contribution: scan this QR Code:

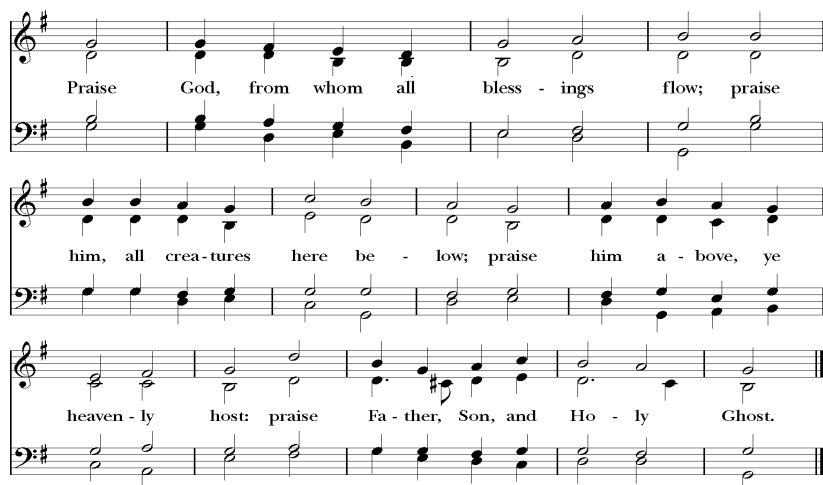


All stand as the Celebrant raises the offerings and together sing the Doxology.

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
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly 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.**

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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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 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, people stand or kneel as the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people.

All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Want to support Sunday School programming and/or be on our Rota of teachers (2 person teams)?

Please come **Saturday August 17, 10am - 11:30** to St Paul's, in the Chapter Room for Fall Sunday School planning for ages 3-12. Aiming to start Sunday School by Sunday Sept 8. Background checks, safety training, and other logistics will be on the agenda. Please let Deacon Carolyn,

Attention all families with Sunday School age kids!

Back to School Picnic for St. Paul's families and Sunday School supporters

Dimond Park Playground, Hanly Road, Oakland

Saturday 08/24 from 10:00-12:00

Casual fun — games — art — refreshments — Bring fruits, snacks, light refreshments if you wish, or just bring yourselves.

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	Grace Gough	Bryan Patterson
Catherine Ann	Larry Gray	Garrett Petersen
Kathleen Jean Anthony	Londell Guffen	Mark Pingree
Gwendolyn Austin	Vincent Hall	David Raskin
Stephanie Azlin-Carr	Chrystina Harris	Joel Reyna
Anne Barclay	Michelle Hartmann	Jessica Rojas
Dr. Basdeo Balkissoon	David Holley	Manny Smith
Aaron A. Benjamin	Sharon Hyde	Thomas Spitz
Lisa Bishop	Nick Indehar	Paul Sporer
Kate Britton	Gregory Jackson	Ramona Terry
Helena Busquets	Douglas Jensen	Cheryl Ting
Miguel Chamorro	Peter Johnson	Cheryl Torrance
Cheryl Clausen	Priscilla Kingston	Cary Virtue
Sister Rose Coleman	Alex Krueger	Nancy & William Walker
Martika Crawford	Reginald & Theresa Lane	Renee Walker-Bolden
John Ross Devlin	Natalie Lehman-	M.J. Wilson Morris
Victoria Maxine Devlin	Buckingham	JoAnna Bradley-
Edwina Devlin	Vita Lopata	Winchester
Brian Faucette	Rafael Martin	James Winchester
Jewelle Gibbs	Nicole McClain	Robert Wright
Alexander Glenn	James Meredith	

CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Marc H. Andrus
Bishop of California

The Rt. Rev. Austin Rios
Bishop Coadjutor

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson
Rector

The Ven. Canon Carolyn Bolton
Archdeacon

The Rev. Christian Harding
Assisting Priest

The Ven. Gary England
Archdeacon

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Music, FAGO
Music Director

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Jackie Kamakate
Parish Administrator

Joan Clerk
Bookkeeper

VESTRY

Class of 2024
Indira Balkissoon—Sr. Warden
Irene Plunkett
Matthew Schooler

Class of 2025
Pam Kruse-Buckingham—Treasurer
Richard Larson— Jr. Warden
Daniel (Digger) Lauter

Class of 2026
David Anderson—Clerk
Paula Hawthorn
Doug Jensen

**LITURGICAL
SCHEDULE**

Sundays

8 AM Spoken Eucharist

10 AM Choral Eucharist

Fourth Sundays

8 PM Compline in the
Church

First Sundays

4 PM Evensong in the
Church

Wednesdays

12:10 PM Spoken Eucharist
Livestream

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Linda McConnell

Assisting

The Rev. Christian Harding

Assisting Priest

Deacon

The Ven. Canon Carolyn Bolton

Archdeacon

Altar Guild

Pamela Buckingham, Annette

Blue, Scott Buckingham

**The Sacrament of
Reconciliation may be
scheduled with any priest.**

Music usage licensing and
agreements: Church Hymnal
Corporation, New York;
OneLicense.net

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).

The Restroom

There are two restrooms available during worship: one at the back of the church in the Mustard Seeds Room, and one in the ambulatory (front of the church) on the epistle (right side facing the altar, through the doorway) side. If you require an accessible restroom please ask an usher for assistance.

Our Vision

St. Paul's dares to be an open embracing community; discovering, celebrating, and sharing the Love of Christ.

Our Mission

St. Paul's invites you to a spiritual journey: to love God and your neighbors near and far; to worship, pray and serve joyfully in our community; to strive to become more Christ-like in living out the promises of our baptism that all may know Christ's healing love.



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