August 6, 2023
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist

THE TENTH 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.
Liturgy of the Word

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
   I am weak, but thou art mighty;

2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
   Let the fire and cloudy pillar fears subside;

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious death of death, and hell's destruction,
   Hold me with thy powerful hand;

bread of heaven, lead me all my journey through;

land me safe on Canaan's side;

bread of heaven, feed me now and ever.

strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and songs of praises, I will ever give to
Celebrant  Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People        Glory to God for ever and 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 GLORIA
Hymnal S-278

1. Glory to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.
2. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take away the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant       God be with you.
People          And also with you.
Celebrant       Let us pray.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

All           Amen.
All sit.

THE FIRST READING      Exodus 34: 29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses,
the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; 
   let the people tremble; *
   he is enthroned upon the cherubim; 
   let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
   he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
   he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,
   you have established equity; *
   you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God 
   and fall down before his footstool; *
   he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, 
   and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
   they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
   they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND READING 2 Peter 1: 13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

All stand.
THE GOSPEL


All stand.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his
companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*Deacon*  
The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON**  
Cara Meredith

*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

Friends, God our Savior is our refuge! So let us pray to God, saying, “Incline your ear to us; hear our words.”

God our Savior, show us your face. Satisfy your Church in your presence. Reveal to us your ways so that we might walk in the light of your truth.

Silence

Incline your ear to us;

Hear our words.

O God, your eyes are fixed on justice. We pray for all victims of war and violence and famine. Give heed to the cries of those in need throughout the world.

Silence

Incline your ear to us;

Hear our words.

God of abundance, you have blessed the earth to bring forth plenty. May we recognize the abundance in our own lives, so that those with little may also have their fill.

Silence

Incline your ear to us;

Hear our words.

O God, have compassion on the people of our region. Show us your marvelous loving-kindness so that trust in your goodness might replace our fears.

Silence

Incline your ear to us;

Hear our words.

God of blessing, we call upon you, for you answer us in our need. We pray this day for all those desperate for your blessing. Moved by compassion, heal the sick and suffering ones we hold in our hearts this day.
The congregation is invited to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Incline your ear to us;
**Hear our words.**

God our vindicator, justify the dead through the mercy of your Messiah. We pray that in the fullness of time, they may awake, beholding your likeness.

Silence

Incline your ear to us;
**Hear our words.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

The Deacon says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel as are able.*

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 Priest 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.

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:

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Erwünschter Tag! sei, Seele, wieder froh!
from Cantata #31
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Erwünschter Tag! sei, Seele, wieder froh!
Das A und O,
der erst und auch der letzte,
den unsre schwere Schuld in Todeskerker setzte,
ist nun gerissen aus der Not!
Der Herr war tot, und sieh, er lebet wieder;
lebt unser Haupt, so leben auch die Glieder.
Der Herr hat in der Hand
des Todes und der Höllen Schlüssel!
Der sein Gewand blutrot bespritzt
in seinem bittern Leiden,
will heute sich mit Schmuck und Ehren kleiden.
Desired day! be glad, soul, once more!
The alpha and omega
the beginning and also the end,
whom our profound guilt committed to death’s prison,
is now wrest free from adversity!
The Lord was dead, but behold, he lives again;
as our head lives, so too live its members.
The Lord has in his hand
the key to death and hell!
He, his robe splattered red with blood
during his bitter passion,
will today be attired in jewels and honor.

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

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People

THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People:

Dying you destroyed our death;
Rising you restored our life; Lord Christ, come in glory.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People
Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant then continues,
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal S-119

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 sung

AGNUS DEI

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Fürst des Lebens, starker Streiter
from Cantata #31
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Fürst des Lebens, starker Streiter,
hochgelobter Gottessohn!
hebet dich des Kreuzes Leiter
auf den höchsten Ehrenthron?
Wird, was dich zuvor gebunden,
nun dein Schmuck und Edelstein?
Müssen deine Purpurwunden
deiner Klarheit Strahlen sein?
Prince of life, mighty warrior, highly praised Son of God!

does the ladder of the cross hoist you up to the highest throne of honor?

Does that which once bound you now become your jewelry and gemstones?

Shall your purple wounds be rays of your serenity?

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After all have received Communion, people stand or kneel as the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

*All Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.
POST COMMUNION HYMN

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me

1. all the worlds’ thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the rolling
2. birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration

1. thunder, Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.
2. grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
3. bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.
4. ration, And there proclaim, my God how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee: How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to
August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which commemorates Jesus’ unveiling as the Son of God, and his radical change of appearance while in the presence of Peter, James and John on a mountaintop.

The Gospel of Matthew records that Jesus “was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.” At this moment Moses and Elijah appeared, and they were talking with Jesus. Peter, misunderstanding the meaning of this manifestation, offered to make three “booths” (or “dwellings”) for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. A bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud stated, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” The disciples fell on their faces in awe,
but Jesus encouraged them to arise and “have no fear.” When the disciples looked up, they saw only Jesus (Matthew 17:1-8).

The Transfiguration is also mentioned in two other gospel accounts (Mark 9:2-8 and Luke 9:28-36) and is referred to in the Second Letter of Peter, which records that “we were eyewitnesses of his majesty” and “we were with him on the holy mountain” (2 Peter 1:16-18).

The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment because it revealed Christ’s glory prior to the crucifixion, and it anticipated his resurrection and ascension. It also prefigures the glorification of human nature in Christ. Some think that the setting on the mountain is significant because it becomes the point where human nature meets God, with Jesus acting as a point of connection between heaven and earth.

Celebration of the Transfiguration began in the eastern church in the late fourth century. The feast is celebrated on August 6, which is the date of the dedication of the first church built on Mount Tabor, which is traditionally considered to be the “high mountain” of the Transfiguration. There are scholars, however, who believe the Transfiguration occurred either on Mount Hermon, which borders Syria and Lebanon, or on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

**Collect for the Transfiguration**

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 243).
ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FAMILY Picnic

AUGUST 12, 2023 • 11AM TO 1PM
DIMOND PARK • 3860 HANLY ROAD, OAKLAND, CA
MEET AT THE PLAYGROUND NEXT TO THE POOL

BRING SNACKS TO SHARE
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

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**ST. PAUL’S CHOIR**

Soprano: Alice Brilmayer, Christine Dukey, Kellie Marie Hickman, Carol Paxson, Diana Pray*, Susan Tilden

Alto: Amy Kessler*, Vicki Larson, Sharon Pilmer

Tenor: David Ahn, Ben Clausen, Elizabeth Jenkins, Richard Larson, Daniella Urban*

Bass: Charles Blue, William Davis, John Prescott, Philip Saunders*

*Section leader
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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be scheduled with any priest.

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Celebrant
The Rev. Christian Harding

Assisting Priest

Preacher
Cara Meredith

Deacon
The Ven. Canon Carolyn Bolton

Archdeacon
The Rev. Gary England

Deacon

Music Director
Ben Bachmann

Soloist
Philip Saunders

Lectors
George Strait, Pamela Kruse-Buckingham

Intercessor
Pamela Kruse-Buckingham

Acolytes
Miles Colley, Madison Colley

Altar Guild
Alice Brilmayer, Kellie Marie Hickman, Lisa Strait, Linda Joseph
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

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.

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.