



Happy Easter

April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

8 a.m. Eucharist

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 YouTube channel [here](#).

At the sound of the bell all stand, as they are able, for the entrance of the ministers into the church.

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The People and the Celebrant together say

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.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10: 34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118: 1–2,14–24

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
“His mercy endures for ever.”
- 14 **The Lord is my strength and my song, ***
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory ***
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 **“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! ***
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
- 17 **I shall not die, but live, ***
and declare the works of the Lord.

- 18 **The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.**
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**
- 20 **“This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.”**
- 21 **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.**
- 22 **The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.**
- 23 **This is the Lord’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 **On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3: 1-4

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

THE GOSPEL

John 20: 1-18

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but

the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

A period of silence is kept.

All stand and say together

THE NICENE CREED

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

Diana Pray

Everliving God, you have triumphed over death! Renew us in body and mind, that we may walk with delight in the ways of your risen Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The people may proclaim their thanks and blessings, aloud or silently.

We pray on this blessed Easter Day for your entire Church, Lord. May we know and love you more today and every day, as we bring your message and acts of love to all people.

The Lord says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love,”
And, “Again I will build you, and you shall be built.”

God, we pray for every leader of this land and all lands. On this day of miracles over death, we pray to live what we know only as legend: all people in harmony and loving mutual care, as at your First Creation.

The Lord says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love,”
And, “Again I will build you, and you shall be built.”

But you promise us a New Creation! As we celebrate your resurrection again today, may the joy you reignite in our hearts

bring light and life to all, as you send us out into the world to do your good will.

The Lord says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love,”
And, “Again I will build you, and you shall be built.”

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of the Resurrection, Pleasant Hill, on their feast day. May their congregation shine with the glory of the risen Lord!

The Lord says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love,”
And, “Again I will build you, and you shall be built.”

Almighty God, there is no end to the petitions we make on behalf of our beloved Oakland. Nor is there an end to the praises we give you for blessing us so richly! We believe in your power to restore, to renew, to build up, to fortify. We believe, as we pick up shovels and plowshares and grocery bags and lanterns to do your rebuilding alongside you.

The Lord says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love,”
And, “Again I will build you, and you shall be built.”

Loving God, no one’s need escapes your notice. May all who need you feel your presence. May we who can be more present be moved to give your care.

The people may add their own petitions, aloud or silently.

The Lord says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love,”
And, “Again I will build you, and you shall be built.”

Lord who has conquered death, overwhelm us with the assurance of eternal life in you! Meet our bitter tears with sweet memories of those we miss. Bless those who were baptised last night into abundant life in you, and bless us all to rise with you on that day of radiant glory.

The people may name their beloved, aloud or silently.

The Lord says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love,”
And, “Again I will build you, and you shall be built.”

The Celebrant adds the concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

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:



Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine to the altar. While the deacon sets the table, the ushers take the people's offerings. The people stand for the presentation of their offerings at the altar. The Celebrant raises the offerings and all sing the Doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380
Music: Old 100th

Musical score for 'The Doxology' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.'

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

All remain standing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up you 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.**

Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every

creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you
we give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Austin, our Bishop and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, Blessed Paul, Mary Magdalene, Peter, John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say ,

All say together

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.

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 priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

All **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All **Amen**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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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**LITURGICAL
SCHEDULE**

Sundays

8 AM Spoken Eucharist

10 AM Choral Eucharist

Fourth Sundays

8 PM Compline in the
Church

Second Sundays

4 PM Evensong in the
Church

Wednesdays

12:10 PM Spoken Eucharist

Livestream

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

Assisting

The Rev. Christian Harding

Associate Priest Emeritus

Deacons

The Ven. Canon Carolyn Bolton

Archdeacon

The Rev. Stephen Tiffenson

Deacon

Altar Guild

St. Paul's Altar Guild

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

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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 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.



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