



February 28, 2021

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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 Facebook page [here](#).

Morning Prayer

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

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8, 9

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence

Officiant and People

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.

VENITE

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, *

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *

and with righteousness to judge the world

and the peoples with his truth.

All **The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.**

All sit.

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their
poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in
worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

All stand.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

Silence is observed. All stand.

CANTICLE 1

A Song of Creation
Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

I INVOCATION

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

II THE COSMIC ORDER

O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord; *

O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord;

O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord; *

O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;

O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord;
O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord;
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

III THE EARTH AND ITS CREATURES

O let the earth bless the Lord; *
O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye wells, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord;
O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the
Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord; *
O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord;
O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

IV THE PEOPLE OF GOD

O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.
Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

Silence is observed. All stand.

CANTICLE 7:

We Praise Thee
Te Deum laudamus

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud,

the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

**Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world
doth acknowledge thee,
the Father, of an infinite majesty,
thine adorable, true, and only Son,
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the
Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
in glory everlasting.**

All sit.

THE THIRD LESSON

Mark 8: 31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of

my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Reader : Here ends the Lesson.

Silence is observed. All stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The people stand or kneel

THE PRAYERS

Officiant God be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alice Brilmayer

The season of lent is one for contemplation and self-examination in preparation for Easter and a new connection with our God. Let us pray for guidance in a time when we cannot gather together in person. Keeping us always together in spirit saying: O God, whose glory is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray.

Lord, help your church. As a collection of fallible humans, we are always vulnerable to the trials of the world. Bless all clergy, lay leaders, and congregants. Strengthen St. Paul's, our rock in times of trouble, so that we have a home where we can be close to you.

Silence

O God, whose glory is always to have mercy,
Be gracious to all who have gone astray.

Sustain our country through the challenges it faces. Turn our leaders away from hope of material gain and power to the desire to help all our citizens. Bring us together to eradicate hunger, disease, homelessness, and injustice. With your help we can make the United States a shining example of integrity and love.

Silence

O God, whose glory is always to have mercy,
Be gracious to all who have gone astray.

Save our earth from the forces of greed and exploitation that threaten its ability to sustain us. Give all of us wisdom and caring for the beauty you've created. Especially, turn our minds toward truth. Only by facing reality can we undo the ongoing damage to our environment.

Silence

O God, whose glory is always to have mercy,
Be gracious to all who have gone astray.

We thank you for the multitude of blessings you have bestowed

upon us. Make us generous with the worldly goods we've acquired. Make us also generous with your spiritual gifts. May we always be a source of joy to others. May we always extend a hand to those in need of help, bearing in mind that all goodness comes from you.

The congregation may express their gratitude, followed by silence

O God, whose glory is always to have mercy,
Be gracious to all who have gone astray.

Help those of us who are suffering, whether from illness, joblessness, poverty, or injustice. Give us strength to face our struggles and emerge stronger. Help all people struggling with COVID, here and abroad. Your children need you, and you will not forget them.

The congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence

O God, whose glory is always to have mercy,
Be gracious to all who have gone astray.

Bless your children who have left this world to dwell with you, and comfort the loved ones they left behind. We know the glories of your kingdom and celebrate the places you have made for us in your presence. Let those of us in transition find a peaceful death and an end to physical suffering. Your grace is with us throughout our lives here and beyond.

Silence

O God, whose glory is always to have mercy,
Be gracious to all who have gone astray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen**

PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SENTENCE

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *II Corinthians 13:14*

2019 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES:

Lenten Race + Faith

What does it mean to seek God and continue to walk forward in the Way of Love, especially as it relates to issues of justice and race? Join Cara Meredith, author of *The Color of Life* and member of St. Paul's, for a six-week interactive discussion series every Wednesday night in Lent. Each week will feature conversations with various faith leaders and authors from around the Bay Area, as well as dialogue around key themes of race and faith from her book.

Dates: Wednesdays, February 24th - March 31st, 7-8:30 pm on Zoom.

To prepare, grab a copy of *The Color of Life* from your favorite bookseller. Contact the office for an autographed copy and we'll pop one in the mail to you.

LENT LITURGICAL

LIVESTREAM & ZOOM SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 AM Said Service
9:15 AM Morning Prayer in the Courtyard (LIVESTREAM ONLY)
10 AM Choral Services
11:30AM Bible Study (ZOOM ONLY)

FIRST SUNDAYS

4 PM Evensong

FOURTH SUNDAYS

8 PM Compline

TUESDAYS

10 AM Morning Prayer (ZOOM ONLY)

WEDNESDAYS

7 PM Evening Prayer;
followed by Lent Program (ZOOM ONLY)

THURSDAYS

10AM Morning Prayer in the Park

FRIDAYS

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be scheduled with any priest.

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

*Live stream only, until
further notice.*

Sundays

8 AM Spoken Eucharist in
the Church

10 AM Choral Eucharist in
the Church

Fourth Sundays

8 PM Compline in the
Church

(Temporarily suspended)

First Sundays

4 PM Evensong 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.**

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agreements: Church Hymnal
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Officiant

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson
Rector

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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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