THE EIGHTH 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.
Liturgies of the Word

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is the world’s true Light

1. Christ is the world’s true Light, its Captain of salvation,
the Day-star clear and bright of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway;
freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

2. In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting;
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for sake their fear,
to plough-share beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.

3. One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Hymnal 542

William Mathias (1934-1992)
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
COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All      Amen.

All sit.

THE FIRST READING  Genesis 28: 10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring

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shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

PSALM 139: 1-11, 22-23

Domine, probasti

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.
10 If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,”

11 Darkness is not dark to you; * the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

THE SECOND READING Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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People Thanks be to God.

All stand.
SEQUENCE HYMN

Here am I, send me

1. Hark! The voice of Jesus calling, Who will
   go and work today? Fields are ripe the harvest

2. Let none hear you idly saying, There is
   nothing I can do; While the souls of some are

3. Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His
   work your pleasure be; Answer quickly when He

1. waiting, Who will bear the sheaves away?
2. dying, And the Master calls for you.
3. call-eth, “Here am I, send me, send me.”

Loud and long the Master call-eth, Rich reward He offers free;

Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me.”
Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Rev. Izabella Sempari
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
Sisters and brothers, surely the Lord is in this place! So let us cry out to God, saying, “Abba! Father! Hear our prayer.”
O Great Parent, you have adopted us as your own children. You have made us joint heirs with Christ. You love us. Lead us by your Spirit and strengthen our hope.
The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence
Abba! Father!
Hear our prayer.
God our King, you have planted us in a complex and often confusing world. Give us patience to live with each other, not judging our neighbors but trusting in your wisdom.

Silence
Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

Present God, even creation groans as it waits on you for freedom. Forgive us for the times in which we have subjected it to futility. Give us eyes to see your presence in the heavens, on the earth, and in the seas.

Silence
Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

God of Light, darkness is not dark to you. Brighten the places in our city where darkness serves as a cover for crime and violence. Redeem all who are lost.

Silence
Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

God of Glory, we wait in hope for the day when we will be set free from the bondage of decay. Even now, free the suffering from pain and the sorrowful from heartache.

The congregation is invited to add their petitions, followed by silence

Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

Eternal God, may the righteous shine like the sun in your kingdom. We trust that, even in the grave, you are with us. In hope, save the dying and the dead.

Silence
Abba! Father!

Hear our prayer.

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

Die Eigenliebe schmeichelt sich from Cantata #185
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Die Eigenliebe schmeichelt sich!
Bestrebe dich,
Erst deinen Balken auszuziehen,
Denn magst du dich um Splinter auch bemühen,
Die in des Nächsten Augen sein.
Ist gleich dein Nächster nicht vollkommen rein,
So wisse, dass auch du kein Engel,
Verbesser deine Mängel!
Wie kann ein Blinder mit dem andern
Doch recht und richtig wandern?
Wie, fallen sie zu ihrem Leide
Nicht in die Gruben alle beide?

Selfishness flatters itself!
Strive first to pull out the beam in your eye,
then you can worry about the splinter
that is in your neighbor’s eye.
Your neighbor may well not be perfectly pure, but just remember: you’re no angel either. Make better your own failings!

How can one blind man with another walk along the straight and narrow? Don’t they do themselves harm and both fall into the ditch?

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

**THE DOXOLOGY**

_Hymnal 380, verse 3_

_Music: Old 100th_
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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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:

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

Das ist der Christen Kunst from Cantata #185

Johannes Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Das ist der Christen Kunst:
Nur Gott und sich erkennen,
Von wahrer Liebe brennen,
Nicht unzulässig richten,
Noch fremdes Tun vernichten,
Des Nächsten nicht vergessen,
Mit reichem Maße messen:
Das macht bei Gott und Menschen Gunst,
Das ist der Christen Kunst.
This is the Christian’s art:
to know only God and himself
to be on fire with true love,
not to make uncalled for judgements,
not to destroy what others do,
not to forget his neighbor,
to measure with generous measure:
this makes goodwill with God and men,
this is the Christian’s art.

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

All my hope on God is founded

1. All my hope on God is found-ed; he doth still my trust re-new.
2. Hu-man pride and earth-ly glo-ry, sword and crown be-tray his trust.
3. God's great good-ness aye en-dur-eth; deep his wis-dom, pass-ing thought.
4. Dai-ly doth th'al-might-y Giv-er boun-teous gifts on us be-stow;
5. Still from earth to God e-ter-nal sac-ri-fice of praise be done,

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Recessional

William Mathias (1934-1992)
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
Back to School Supply Drive
Supporting elementary students in grades K-5 at
• St. Paul’s Episcopal School
• Madison Academy Oakland
• La Primera Iglesia, Oakland

Supplies needed no later than Sunday, July 30th

HOW to donate:
• Drop off supplies at church on Sundays 9:30-12:00 July 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th
• Monetary donations (cash, check, credit card via website—indicate gift is for “School Supplies”)
• St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito Ave, Oakland 94610

WHAT Supplies Needed, per student
• #2 pencils (wide for K-2 and regular for 3-5)
• 2 Pink wedge erasers and pencil grips for the K-2
• Colored pencils (24 pre-sharpened)
• Washable Crayons (16 pack)
• 10 large Washable Markers
• 2 Glue sticks
• Single subject wide ruled spiral notebook
• Wide ruled paper—175 sheets 3 ring binder
• Blunt or regular scissors
• 2 pocket folders (the plastic ones) for 3-5

OUR GOALS IS 100 STUDENTS WITH BASIC SUPPLIES!
JOIN US PACKING BAGS ON JULY 30th & MAKE IT A ST. PAUL'S FAMILY THING!!
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

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

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Archdeacon
The Rev. Christian Harding
Assisting Priest
The Rev. Gary England Deacon

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Joan Clerk
Bookkeeper
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Sexton
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Clerk
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Warden
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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

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Izabella Sempari

Assisting
The Rev. Christian Harding
Assisting Priest

Deacon
The Ven. Canon Carolyn Bolton
Archdeacon

Music Director
Ben Bachmann

Soloist
Philip Saunders

Lectors
Scott Buckingham, Liz Hook

Intercessor
Liz Hook

Acolytes
Nicholas Strait, Zachary Strait, Michael Cowart-Kadleck

Altar Guild
Paula Hawthorn, Erica Terry Derryck, Melanie Blake

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be scheduled with any priest.

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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).

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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