

***Carrying  
Forth the  
Work  
&  
Word  
of  
Jesus  
Christ***



May 10, 2020

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

**St. Paul's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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 Music (EOM) and other approved forms.*

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.*

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

## THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your 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. Alleluia.**

*Officiant* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

## CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

*Pascha nostrum*

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

*Officiant and People* **Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

*All sit.*

**PSALM 31: 1-5, 15-16**

*In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
**deliver me in your righteousness.**
- 2 **Incline your ear to me; \***  
**make haste to deliver me.**
- 3 **Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,**  
**for you are my crag and my stronghold; \***  
**for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**
- 4 **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \***  
**for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 **Into your hands I commend my spirit, \***  
**for you have redeemed me,**  
**O LORD, O God of truth.**
- 15 **My times are in your hand; \***  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,**  
**and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 **Make your face to shine upon your servant, \***  
**and in your loving-kindness save me.”**

*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**

Acts 7: 55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning

Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

*Reader:* Here ends the Lesson.

*All stand.*

## CANTICLE 13

A Song of Praise  
*Benedictus es, Domine*  
*Song of the Three, 29-34*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

*All sit.*

## THE SECOND READING

I Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the

mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*Reader* Here ends the Lesson.

*All stand*

## CANTICLE 19

The Song of the Redeemed

*Magna et mirabilia*

*Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
**great deeds are they that you have done, \***  
**surpassing human understanding.**  
**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \***  
**O King of all the ages.**  
**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,**  
**and sing the praises of your Name? \***  
**for you only are the holy One.**  
**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \***  
**because your just and holy works have been revealed.**  
**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 THIRD READING

John 14: 1-14

Jesus told his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be

satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*Reader:* Here ends the Lesson.

*All stand.*

## CANTICLE 21

You are God  
*Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;  
**You are the Lord: we acclaim you;**  
**You are the eternal Father:**  
**All creation worships you.**  
**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,**  
**Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:**  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**The glorious company of apostles praise you.**  
**The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**  
**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**  
**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;**  
**Father, of majesty unbounded,**  
**your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,**  
**and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**  
**You, Christ, are the king of glory,**  
**the eternal Son of the Father.**  
**When you became man to set us free**  
**you did not shun the Virgin’s womb.**  
**You overcame the sting of death**  
**and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
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 also with you.**  
*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.**

## THE SUFFRAGES B

*Officiant* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
*People* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
*Officiant* Day by day we bless you;  
*People* **We praise your Name for ever.**  
*Officiant* Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
*Officiant* Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
*People* **For we put our trust in you.**  
*Officiant* In you, Lord, is our hope;  
*People* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

*A period of silence is kept following the sermon.*

*All stand.*



## GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Monotone*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age 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 Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**  
*2 Corinthians 13:14*

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter—Year A

Welcome to our parish. We begin today the fifth of the seven weeks of the Christian year set apart to celebrate the dying and rising of Jesus. The Gospel reading today is a discussion between Jesus and his disciples, particularly Thomas and Philip, about the results of his dying and rising. He is revealed to be the Way into eternal life, and in knowing Jesus we know and are known by the Father.

Today's reading from Acts describes the martyrdom of Stephen, the first Christian to suffer death for the name of Christ. This is itself a particularly strong witness to the resurrection of Jesus; as Stephen joins his Lord in dying he sees Jesus raised from the dead and leading him into God's eternal kingdom.

In the second reading today Peter applies to us the words of God to the people of Israel during their Exodus. By virtue of our baptism into Jesus' dying and rising, we are set apart as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people," with the vocation of making God's wonderful deeds known to all people.

In the Eucharistic celebration, we are revealed as the royal priesthood. In most religions, the priesthood is a small group of people who stand between God and the rest of the people. Christians, however, all stand before God on behalf of the entire human race; on behalf, indeed, of the whole creation. That priesthood is enacted most clearly as we stand before God in intercession and in thanksgiving in the Eucharistic liturgy.

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# VESTRY REPORT

In order to keep the Parish informed of the work that the Vestry does as the elected volunteer leadership of the church, we will be reporting monthly on the Vestry meetings and sharing a written summary each month in the bulletin and newsletter.

As a reminder, any member of the Parish may attend Vestry meetings which are every fourth Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted, and the full minutes of the meeting are available to parish members upon request by contacting the parish administrator or a member of the Vestry.

What follows is a summary of the key decisions made by the Vestry at the Mar. 24, 2020 Vestry meeting.

- The church and school facilities remain closed with access limited to select staff and a few essential volunteers who are enabling online worship services to continue.
- The church's investment portfolio has decreased as the stock market fluctuates in response to the COVID-19 crisis. However, the expectation is that these long-term investments will rise again as the financial forecast improves.
- Pledged donations to date total \$150k which is better than initially reported, but still not enough to cover operating expenses.
- There is a plan being developed to continue pantry services under social distancing guidelines.
- The church website is being updated to reflect the digital services and the delivery of online services is being improved. Virtual coffee hours and happy hours have been organized to maintain social connections and the Faith Quest team is working to develop materials to share with families.
- While the St. Paul's Episcopal School continues its leadership transition, Fr. Mauricio continues to serve as acting school chaplain.
- There is a candidate for the Children's Ministry coordinator role, but no final decision or offer will be made until a face-to-face meeting can be held.
- The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm.

**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](mailto:prayers@stpaulsoakland.org).

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 Bill Davis—Jr. Warden  
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Soprano: Alice Brilmayer, Mackenzie Covington\*, Christine Dukey,  
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 Tenor: Joshua Black\*, Ben Clausen, Elizabeth Jenkins, Richard Larson  
 Bass: Charles Blue, William Davis, John Prescott, Philip Saunders\*

*\*Section leader*

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

*Live stream only, until  
further notice.*

### **Sundays**

8 AM Spoken Eucharist in  
the Church

10 AM Choral Eucharist in  
the Church

### **First Sundays**

4 PM Evensong in the  
Church

### **Fourth Sundays**

8 PM Compline in the  
Church

### **Wednesdays**

*(Temporarily suspended)*

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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### ***Officiant***

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson  
*Rector*

### ***Lay Assistant***

Stephen Tiffenson

### ***Altar Guild***

## **DONATIONS TO ST. PAUL'S**

Using your Smartphone, scan this  
QR Code to make a digital  
offering to St. Paul's Church. Your  
donation will be processed through  
SPEC's PayPal account.



## 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](http://www.stpaulsoakland.org)**

Parishioner Directories are available in either printed or digital form. To request your copy please call or email Mia Gamboa (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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