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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

HAPPY EASTERTIDE!



By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

major festive days and occasions. It's beautiful and it's a mess. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, his appearing to the disciples, their commissioning, and his final teachings. This all happens in the backdrop of an environment that is still unfriendly to the followers of The Way. The disciples are living in fear and doubt of what to do next because everything is against them in that particular moment of time. It is a very messy situation to be a follower of Jesus, even the resurrected Jesus. I believe that when they saw Jesus after the resurrection they were probably filled with joy and excitement, but in no way should the assumption be made that they were devoid of all anxiety, fear and wanderings of heart and mind. After all, their humanity told them that this was an extremely unusual situation they were living in, for as far as they knew, it was the first ever such resurrection—not even comparable to the occasion when Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

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A few days after Easter this year I decided that the weather was warm enough for me to wear a white outfit to work: lose linen pants, Panama style shirt and a clergy collar dickie (I was coming to church after all). I got many different reactions out in the streets of Oakland. A couple of people remarked that I looked ready for summer, to which I responded that it was indeed my summer as Easter had already arrived. Every once in a while, I like to dress with the colors of the Church year, but white presents the particular challenge that it gets messy very easily and the mess can't be camouflaged. White is the color the church uses for

After-Church Social Justice Forum: Housing Justice

May 9 – 19 is Affordable Housing Week in the East Bay! Please join us in



the Parish Hall at 11:30am, after the 10:00 Eucharist, on Sunday May 19 for an exciting conversation about the vital need for safe, quality, affordable housing for all in our community—a topic all the more

important in light of our region's current housing crisis.

Vanessa Riles, the Interfaith Organizer at East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) will lead the session, along with representatives from other groups working for housing justice. The event will last about an hour and will include a presentation as well as small- and large-group discussion. We hope to see you there.

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

Please continue to support the work of our pantry.

Due to repairs and relocation being done to the Pantry we will not be receiving donations in March. We are hoping that all the work will be completed in April, with a reopening in May.

Thanks for your continued support and prayers.

Sunday, May 5, Third Sunday of Easter 10:00 am, Choral Eucharist

Prelude: Langlais, *Homo quidam*

Anthems:

Harris, *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

Messiaen, *O sacrum convivium*

Postlude: Handel, *Voluntary in E-flat*

With St. Paul's Chancel Choir. Christopher Kula, Music Director and organist.

4:00 pm, Evensong

Evensong (first Sunday of every month at 4pm) is a beautifully meditative service of psalms, canticles, hymns, and anthems. The music draws primarily on the English cathedral tradition of the Tudor Chapel Royal, rounded out by Renaissance, Baroque and contemporary repertoire from other regions.

This short Anglican service combines the end-of-day monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. Since the latter part of the 16th century, England's greatest composers have contributed to the rich musical tradition of this uplifting and beautiful liturgy. With St. Paul's Schola Cantorum, Christopher Kula, Director.

Sunday, May 12, Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:00 am, Choral Eucharist

Prelude: Böhm, *Allegretto*

Anthems: Howells, *Psalm 23*

Vaughan Williams, *O taste and see*

Postlude: Howells, *Allegro Scherzando*

With St. Paul's Chancel Choir. Christopher Kula, Music Director and organist.



Saturday, May 18, 3pm, Concert East Bay Harmony Chorus

Join us for our **15th Annual Friends and Family Concert!**

This year, we'll be singing an eclectic, all a cappella set of songs by Stevie Wonder, AB-BA, Quincy Jones, Hoagy Carmichael, the Beatles and more! You'll hear favorites made famous by everyone from Irving Berlin to The Foo Fighters! Concert followed by a Food & Wine Reception. Get tickets **HERE**.

NOTE: CONCERT LOCATION IS IN THE PARISH HALL, upstairs, in St. Paul's School building.

Sunday, May 19, Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:00 am, Choral Eucharist

Prelude: Brahms, *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

Anthems:

Wesley, *Blessed be the God and Father*

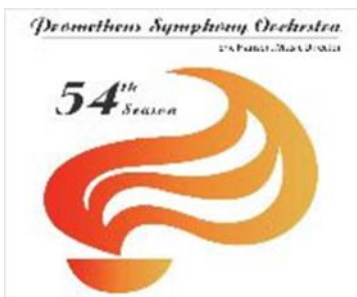
Tallis, *If ye love me*

Postlude: Bach, *Prelude and Fugue in C Minor*

With St. Paul's Chancel Choir. Christopher Kula, Music Director and organist.

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

**Sunday, May 19,
4:00pm, Concert
Prometheus Symphony Orches-
tra
Fifth Concert**



Eric Hansen, Music Director and Conductor

Hector Berlioz. *Overture to 'Le Corsaire'*

Johannes Brahms, *Symphony No 2 in D Major, Op. 73*

Pre-concert talk begins at 2:40 PM. Families with children are always welcome.

There is no admission fee for our concerts but donations are gratefully accepted. <http://www.prometheussymphony.org>

Sunday, May 26, Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 am, Choral Eucharist

Prelude: Buxtehude, *Prelude and Fugue in D*

Anthem:

Hogan, *Ev'ry time I feel the spirit*

Faure, *Tantum ergo*

Postlude: Murrill, *Postlude on a Ground*

With St. Paul's Chancel Choir. Christopher Kula, Music Director and organist.

8pm, Compline

Since October of 2002 the choir of St. Paul's has sung Compline on the fourth Sunday of every month at 8:00 pm. The transcendent quality of the Gregorian Chant, along with the beauty of St. Paul's Church bathed in candlelight, has made the service an oasis of peace in the lives of those who attend, both Christians and Non-Christians. The candles are lit at 7.50 and the church remains open for a half hour after the service ends (usually around 8.40). With St. Paul's Chancel Choir. Christopher Kula, Choir Director.

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.



2019 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio

Wilson – *Rector*

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Class of 2021

Madyé Parrish

Sergio Prieto

Erica Terry-Derryck

Future meetings:

May 28

June 25

September 24

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

Delegates

Melanie Blake

James Kadleck

Tom McGarrell

Alternates

To Be Appointed

SAINT OF THE MONTH

JACKSON KEMPER

Bishop and Missionary, 1870



When the General Convention of 1835 made all the members of the Episcopal Church members also of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, it provided at the same

time for missionary bishops to serve in the wilderness and in foreign countries. Jackson Kemper was the first such bishop. Although he was assigned to Missouri and Indiana, he laid foundations also in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Kansas, and made extensive missionary tours in the South and Southwest.

Kemper was born in Pleasant Valley, New York, on December 24, 1789. He graduated from Columbia College in 1809 and was ordained as a deacon in 1811 and as a priest in 1814.

He served Bishop White as his assistant at Christ Church, Philadelphia. At his urging, Bishop White made his first and only visitation in western Pennsylvania. In 1835, Kemper was ordained bishop, and immediately set out on his travels.

Because Episcopal clergymen, mostly from well-to-do Eastern homes, found it hard to adjust to the harsh life of the frontier—scorching heat, drenching rains, and winter blizzards—Kemper established Kemper College in St. Louis, Missouri, the first of many similar attempts to train clergymen, and in more recent times lay people as well,

for specialized tasks in the church. The College failed in 1845 from the usual malady of such projects in the church— inadequate funding.

Nashotah House, in Wisconsin, which he founded in 1842, with the help of James Lloyd Breck and his companions, was more successful. So was Racine College, founded in 1852. Both these institutions reflected Kemper's devotion to beauty in ritual and worship.

Kemper pleaded for more attention to the Native Americans and encouraged the translation of services into native languages. He described a service among the Oneida which was marked by "courtesy, reverence, worship—and obedience to that Great Spirit in whose hands are the issues of life."

From 1859 until his death, Kemper was diocesan Bishop of Wisconsin. He is more justly honored by his unofficial title, "The Bishop of the Whole Northwest."

Lord God, in your providence Jackson Kemper was chosen first Missionary bishop in this land, and by his arduous labor and travel congregations were established in scattered settlements of the West: Grant that the Church may always be faithful to its mission, and have the vision, courage, and perseverance to make known to all peoples the Good News of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Newsletter contributors sought

We are interested in hearing from writers and photographers; please email us if you would like to donate your talents.

The deadline for each edition is the 25th of the month previous to publication.

Please send your submissions of no more than 500 words to: halice@pacbell.net.

EASTER IN PICTURES



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SAVE Stands-Ins against gun violence

SAVE (Soldiers Against Violence Everywhere) Oakland is taking a non-violent stand against the rampant murders in our community by having "Stand-Ins" from 11a.m. – noon near where a person was recently killed. Please contact Paula Hawthorn, 510-601-8388, if you would like to participate.

Contact Save@Truevine-Ministries.com to be put on the email list for future Stand-Ins.

DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA DREAMING AND ACTING TO CARE FOR CREATION

WORSHIP ROTA ONLINE

The current rota for the Sunday worship services is posted on the St. Paul's Web site at :
<http://www.stpaulsoakland.org/RotaSchedule>

The rota includes the names of readers, sub-deacons, intercessors, and lay Eucharistic ministers.

New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Fr. Mauricio or the Ven. Carolyn Bolton to volunteer or if you have any questions.



Deepa Abraham and a group of fellow like-minded members of [St. Bartholomew's](#), Livermore envision creating a sustainable church campus that will serve as a visible sign of its commitment to creation stewardship. Such a campus would also offer outreach and welcome in this partly rural agricultural, partly tech-savvy suburban community in transition at the Eastern edge of the Bay Area.

Abraham discussed these plans and sought ideas for grant funding from Nancy Grove, newly appointed chair of the Diocesan Commission on Care of Creation (formerly Commission on the Environment) when Grove visited St. Bartholomew's recently to give a talk on the diocesan-sponsored carbon tracking app, [SustainIslandHome](#). Grove was able to connect Abraham to sources at The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of California, and California Interfaith Power & Light.

The story is a good example of how the newly re-invigorated commission plans to work at the parish, deanery, and diocesan levels to promote faith-based, theologically literate responses to the climate crisis and to environmental justice issues. Other members of the commission are the Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, Barbara Bisel, the Rev. Justin Cannon, and the Rev. Andy Lobban. The most

urgent task of the commission, in the minds of its members, is to support the ongoing rollout and implementation of [SustainIslandHome](#), the carbon tracker, throughout the Diocese. A core diocesan team comprised of DioCal staff: Stephanie Martin Taylor, Working Group Head for Communications and Dani Scoville, Communications Project Director, worked with Sheila Andrus and Nancy Grove in partnership with Lisa Altieri, Climate Solutions Net, to customize a tracker for the Episcopal Church. After the tracker was introduced and affirmed by [Resolution C008](#) at the 79th General Convention, twelve "pilot DioCal parishes" introduced the tracker to their congregations. At the start of Lent, Sheila Andrus and Lisa Altieri began an enrollment and training process for additional Episcopal dioceses, with another 12 dioceses anticipated to be up and running by Earth Day April 22. The tracker will be available throughout the continental United States by later this spring. Any Episcopalian in the Diocese of California can sign on to the tracker by navigating to sustainislandhome.org. The web-base app allows a household to measure its carbon footprint, and select actions to reduce that footprint. As actions are taken, points (which equal a pound of CO₂ — or equivalent greenhouse gas — emission reduced) are credited to one's church, the Diocese,



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and, ultimately, The Episcopal Church. Actions taken become a measurable “outward and visible sign” that Episcopalians care for the planet, and are an important part of The Episcopal Church’s national and global advocacy work.

Sheila Andrus, head of the task force implementing the tracker, says, “My approach and hope for the ongoing rollout for DioCal is that it will be both organic and strategic. I welcome people, who are using the tracker in their homes/churches, working independently to introduce the tracker into other communities. In addition to this organic approach, there are clearly strategic opportunities that I hope to identify and support, such as introducing the tracker at deanery meetings and other gatherings of diocesan-wide groups like the community of deacons and the seminary, among others. It's the strategic approach that will be discussed at an upcoming DioCal users meeting. For

those interested in introducing the tracker at their churches, please contact sustainislandhome@diocal.org for an introduction.”

The tracker is but one of a wave of new opportunities that the Episcopal church endorsed at the 79th General Convention. To learn more about other Episcopal church-wide resources and opportunities, please view the new Episcopal church [creation care website](#). In the meantime, stay tuned for more news and updates from the DioCal Commission on Care of Creation! This group of dedicated Episcopalians is set to support the dreams and actions of the Diocese of California, in caring for all of creation following the lead of our Presiding Bishop Michael and Bishop Marc. The good news of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement is that our loving, liberating and life-giving God is with us as we celebrate and care for all of life.

Sacrament of Confirmation

In the course of Christian formation, those baptized at an early age are expected — when they are ready and have been appropriately prepared — to make a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism, and to receive laying on of hands by the bishop. Confirmation is an intentional choice to deepen relationship with God through mature membership and increased participation in the church community. For youth being confirmed, confirmation often marks the point at which one moves into spiritual adulthood, usually in late middle school or in high school. The Diocese of California recommends confirmation at age 14 and older, and considers age 12 to be the minimum age for youth confirmation.

If you are entering grades 8-12 and wish to be confirmed in the Fall of 2019 please come to a meeting with Fr. Wilson on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

(during the service) in the Chapter Room. There we will have a conversation about the preparation process that will happen over the coming months. Parents will meet with Fr. Wilson that same day following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Chapter Room.



Dear Readers:
In an effort to reduce paper waste and printing/ mailing expenses, we are asking anyone who gets the on-line version of The Good News and no longer needs a paper version mailed to his or her home to let us know. If you don't get the newsletter online and would like to, or if you want to take yourself off the snail-mail list, please contact Parish Administrator at 834-4314, Ext. 501 or admin@stpaulsoakland.org. Many thanks.



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Services

SUNDAYS

8 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*
10 a.m. *Choral Eucharist*
4 p.m. *Evensong*
(*First Sundays, Oct.-June*)
8 p.m. *Compline*
(*4th Sundays only*)

WEDNESDAYS

12:10 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*
(*with Healing prayer on*
the 1st Wednesday of the
month)

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In our own time, we find many Christians living in circumstances where being followers of The Way can have serious consequences. The recent bombing of a church in Sri Lanka—on Easter Sunday itself—being but one such example. In some cases, the threat of violence doesn't come from non-Christians but from Christians who consider others' brand of faith to be insufficient or unworthy for one reason or another. Even in our time the resurrection of Jesus—his triumph over sin and death—is a great cause for celebration, but, as in the days immediately following the event itself, we are called to live fearlessly in a world that is not always open or friendly to people of faith. Many of the remembrances of Jesus' appearance to

the disciples after the resurrection were in everyday living kinds of circumstances: on the road, fishing, eating. They recognized him in his speaking and sharing life with them. Jesus is made known to us today as well in our everyday walk of life. Don't get yourself caught waiting for a special time or event, for you might just miss him right in front of you, calling your name, walking along side you, or telling you to recast your net for a better catch.

Happy white, messy, celebratory season of Easter, and don't be afraid to wear your faith out loud.