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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

SOBER EPISCOPALIANS

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson



Over the last two weeks I have been involved in many conversations whose central topics revolve around the decisions emanating from the White House. As I

watch the news on the television, listen to it on the radio and read it in newspapers, or even as I hear conversations in restaurants and coffee shops, a great multitude of people are having these conversations. I have been asked whether I would make any public statements regarding the many different executive orders or specific pieces of legislation. I must confess that I seriously considered doing so but then I realized that by the time I finished writing such an article there will be something new and equally inflammatory on which commentary would be needed.

In light of this here is my attempt at leaving us to take a look at the broader picture, or as Friedman would say: "taking a look from the

balcony." Every fourth Sunday of the month, St. Paul's holds the service of Compline. The choir sings in English and Latin using Bible verses and hymns. Sometime over the last week the voice of a parishioner Richard Larson, who serves as the officiant for the service, has kept ringing in my ear. Close to the beginning of the service he chants a portion of Scripture taken from I Peter 5:8 *Be sober be vigilant because your adversary the devil walketh about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour... (KJV).*

In all times and in all places the role of the members of the Christian community is to remain alert and to have our eyes wide open to see the actions and events around us so we may discern with clarity where the adversary of God's will might be lurking in seeking to destroy God's handiwork. Two words stand out especially to me in this passage of Scripture: sober and roaring. Sober is not a reference to not being intoxicated but rather to maintain a

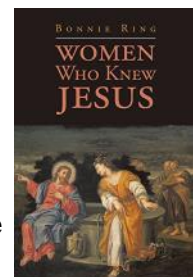
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WOMEN WHO WONDER

Women who Wonder will meet Tuesday, February 21. Join us for a time of meditation on scripture followed by lively conversation. It's never too late to learn and reflect on the women who knew Jesus! Dinner in the Chapter Room at 6:00 p.m. offers the opportunity to get to know each other better. We will be finished by 8:00. If you have questions, email annehj@aol.com.



PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

Please continue to support the work of our pantry by contributing items to its inventory.

February

Bottles of juice

March

Bottles of juice

April

Bottles of juice

Bring your donations to church and place them in the offering basket in the narthex.

Thanks!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 12, "13TH" FILM VIEWING

Sunday, February 12th, we will be watching a powerful documentary on the transformation from slavery to mass incarceration in the Netflix documentary "13th" that dives into the legal slavery option built into our constitution through the 13th Amendment. Come after church to the Parish Hall for coffee hour, the viewing and great discussion.

FEBRUARY 18, DIOCESAN ABSALOM JONES CELEBRATION



Come join members of the Afro Anglican Commission, the Union of Black Episcopalians, and DioCal to celebrate the legacies of Absalom Jones and the Rev. Richard Allen at St. Paul's, Oakland. Jones and Allen were friends, activists, and fellow evangelists who were active in The Episcopal Church in

Philadelphia. Absalom Jones, ordained priest in 1802, was the first African American priest of The Episcopal Church and first rector of St. Thomas African Orthodox Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. Allen was the first African American ordained in the Methodist Church (1816) and was the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Both men were leading abolitionists of their day. This year the commemoration is especially honored to have Bishop Marc Handley Andrus as the celebrant and guest homilist Bishop Clement Fugh of the Fifth Episcopal District, AME Church. Additional guests include a choir of the California Conference of the AME Church. Love to sing? Watch this space as for information on the DioCal festival choir forming to sing at the commemoration!

WHEN: 10:45 a.m. (choral concert), 11 a.m. (Eucharistic celebration), 1 p.m. (reception)

CONTACT: The Rev. Eric Metoyer, ericm@diocal.org

FEBRUARY 19, VISITING GOSPEL CHOIR

Guest Choir: Allen Temple Men's Chorus.

FEBRUARY 26, JAZZ MASS

Guest Jazz band. Join us for our annual Black History Month potluck following the service, in the Parish Hall.

EVERY SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY

Each Sunday during coffee hour we will have a new black historical hero to learn about. We will also have an opportunity to raise funds for the Black Lives Matter campaign as civil rights continue to be ignored and greatly in need of our support. Look for the donation box in the narthex!

ST. PAUL'S AT THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY PARADE IN SAN FRANCISCO



CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH, ST. PAUL'S STYLE

On February 26, we'll have a jazz mass at the 10:00 am service. We'll follow that with a bounteous potluck the way only St. Paul's does it.

You can bring your contributions to Alice in the kitchen either before or after the service. Let's make this meal especially soulful.

SHOW YOUR LOVE!

First Saturday of Every Month

11 A.M. – Noon

Immigration Vigil at the West County Detention Facility 5555 Giant Highway, Richmond

The first Saturday of every month there is a vigil at the West County Detention Center, to pray and stand in solidarity with immigrant detainees. This vigil is sponsored by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity and is regularly attended by members of All Souls Episcopal Church, Berkeley. It is a good time and place to come, meet others working for immigrant rights and to stand up for our brothers and sisters. The people who are incarcerated inside can hear us singing, and know that we love them. There is no opposition; it is very safe and calm. Please join us! If you need a ride, please call or email Paula Hawthorn, 510-601-8388, pbhawthorn@mindspring.com.



2016 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson – *Rector*
Alice Brilmayer – *Senior Warden*
William (Bill) Davis – *Junior Warden*
James Kadleck – *Clerk*
Thomas (Tom) McGarrell – *Treasurer*

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2017

William (Bill) Davis
James Kadleck
Yuri Sikkema

Class of 2018

Alice Brilmayer
George Strait
Sandra Anderson

Class of 2019

Mel Behrendt
Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Irene Plunkett

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

Delegates

Scott Buckingham
Paula Hawthorn
Sheila Sims

Alternates

Izabella (Bella) Sempari
Pam Buckingham
Sheila Sims

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

SPECIAL MUSIC IN FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 4

6:00 pm, Memorial Service for David Farr

A celebration of the life of Dr. David Farr, St. Paul's Music Director and Organist 2005-2016. Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, with choir and orchestra, Stravinsky's *The dove descending breaks the air*, and Howells' *Like as the hart*, as part of the service. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

**Black History Month begins
10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

Elijah Rock by Jester Hairston, sung by St. Paul's Choir; Christopher Kula, Interim Music Director. St. Paul's Bell Choir; Paco, Director.

4:00 pm, Evensong

Chapel College Ensemble of Men & Boys, Christopher Kula, Director.

Evensong is a short Anglican service combining 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.

**Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00am, Choral Eucharist**

My Lord, what a morning;
How beauteous are their feet,
Stanford; Down to the river, Noia.
Christopher Kula, Interim Music Director. St. Paul's Bell Choir; Paco, Director.

**Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

Guest Choir: Allen Temple Men's Chorus. Christopher Kula, Interim Music Director. St. Paul's Bell Choir; Paco, Director.

**Sunday, February 26, Last Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 am, Jazz Mass, Choral Eucharist**

Guest Jazz band. Christopher Kula, Interim Music Director. St. Paul's Bell Choir; Paco, Director. Join us for our annual Black History Month potluck following the service, in the Parish Hall.

8:00 pm, Compline

Gregorian chant, polyphony of Byrd, Tallis, Victoria, in candlelight. Compline, a service of psalms and prayers, has been sung 'at the close of day' in monasteries, convents and churches for many centuries, and is one of the best-loved services of the Church. Sung by St. Paul's Choir.

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 15th of the month previous to publication.

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

VESTRY RETREAT—JANUARY 2017 SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER, DANVILLE, CA



"The Vestry had a hard-working and rewarding retreat at San Damiano."



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. Upcoming dates and locations are:

- 2/11/17
98th & International

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

LOOK! WE'RE MOVING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY!

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. Please add 3% for processing.



LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR

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, subdeacons, 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.

Tuesday, February 28

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6-8 p.m. Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday service with Eucharist 7 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. in Chapel, 7 p.m. in Church

Every Sunday, March 5 through April 9:

Catechumenate, 11 a.m. to 12 noon

Lenten Series, Following the 10 a.m. Service, Parish Hall

Every Monday, March 6 through April 10:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Tuesday, March 7 through April 4:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Wednesday, March 8 through April 5:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel, Evening Prayer, 6:30 p.m. in Church; Supper and Program, 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday, March 9 through April 13:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Friday, March 10 through April 7:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel, Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday –April 9:

Holy Eucharist 8 a.m.
Choral Eucharist 10 a.m.

Holy Wednesday – April 12:

The Service of Tenebrae, 6:00 p.m.

Supper and Program, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday – April 13:

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 14:

The Service of Good Friday, 12:00 noon -3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday – April 15:

The Great Vigil of Easter 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 16:

Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.
Festival Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Easter Potluck brunch and Egg Hunt following the 10:00 a.m. liturgy.

3rd and 4th Sunday of Easter—April 23 & 30:

Lenten Series continues in the Parish Hall, following the 10 a.m. Service

MEN WHO WANDER

Men who Wander will gather on Tuesday, February 21. We will be discussing and sharing thoughts on what it means to be a “family man” in the 21st century. Come join other testosterone bearing parishioners for fellowship and the exploration of our city’s pubs. We will also be planning for a possible Lent project.



2017 CATECHUMENATE

Are you seeking to be Baptized, Confirmed, to be received into the Episcopal Church, or to reaffirm your faith?

During the season of Lent we will be having classes for those who wish to become a member of the church through one of these rites. Following the general structure of an ancient church practice, the candidates will be received into the order of catechumens the first Sunday in Lent and the classes will be held from 11am to 12 noon on Sunday mornings.

Baptisms will take place at the Easter Vigil on April 15 at 8pm.

Confirmations, receptions and renewal of Vows will be at Grace Cathedral in

San Francisco on June 3, 2017.

Please speak to Fr. Wilson to enroll in the program and for more information.

March 5: The Baptismal Covenant – Rev. Anne Jensen

March 12: The Outline of Faith – Rev. Mauricio Wilson

March 19: Anglicanism – Rev. Mauricio Wilson

March 26: The Bible – Rev. Mauricio Wilson

April 2: Holy Women, Holy Men - Rev. Anne Jensen

April 9: Baptismal Ministry – Rev. Anne Jensen

ST. PAUL'S AT THE WOMEN'S MARCH IN OAKLAND ON JANUARY 21



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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“level head” or to be balanced and clear minded. It is easy sometimes to get ourselves so caught up in the weeds of a situation that we lose sight of the greater consequences and dangers. Sobriety of mind and spirit allows for better vision and engagement. In obtaining the state of being we become attuned with the roaring sounds that call us to a face-to-face confrontation with injustice, fear, oppression, hunger and any other condition that destroys the dignity of any of God’s creatures.

The call to sobriety and vigilance made by the apostle Peter to the faithful in Pontus, Galatia,

Cappadocia Asia and Bithynia—echoing Jesus’s own call to be as innocent as doves and as wise as serpents—transcends any particular time or place. It speaks directly to the hearts and minds of all the followers of Jesus to be ready and open to hear God’s call and to be active and engaged in our time and our place. This is required of us regardless of who sits in the seats of power and despite our own political affiliations. It is rather a direct response toward discernment of God’s will in the world.