

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



St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND

February 2, 2020

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Paul's is a diverse, inclusive community in the Episcopal Diocese of California. We are a member of Integrity and of Oasis, the Gay and Lesbian ministry of the Diocese of California, and are welcoming to all who attend in worship.

*To our Parents: We welcome your children to participate in our worship. During the 10 a.m. service, children ages 3 and older may participate in **Faith Quest/Godly Play program** in the St. Paul's School building. Adult supervision is provided. Younger children can enjoy **Mustard Seeds**, our professionally staffed nursery in the back of the church.*

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.

The Word of God

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

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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 following is said

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by 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

Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

PSALM 24: 7-10

Domini est terra

- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
 lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
 and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 **“Who is this King of glory?” ***
 “The LORD, strong and mighty,
 the LORD, mighty in battle.”
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
 lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
 and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 **“Who is he, this King of glory?”**
 “The LORD of hosts,
 he is the King of glory.”

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2: 22-40

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are

dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Christian Harding

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

Jeanette Dinwiddie Moore

Lord, we celebrate today the gift of your joyous presentation in the Temple and to the world. While we wait, help us grow in wisdom and walk with you.

Silence

As your holy and universal Church, we also joyously await your messenger to prepare the way before us. Purify us and refine us to become like pure gold and transform us into an offering of your righteousness and love for the world.

Silence

While we wait,

Help us walk with you and grow in wisdom.

Lord we pray for all who serve you in the church both lay and ordained that you will renew and strengthen their walk with you. May the spirit of unity flow through all who serve you as we relish in our common humanity.

Silence

While we wait,

Help us walk with you and grow in wisdom.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Marc, our Diocesan Bishop, Mauricio, our Rector, Anne, Christian, Carolyn and all who serve us at St. Paul's.

Silence

While we wait,

Help us walk with you and grow in wisdom.

Lord, let us remember that you did not come into this world to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. As your descendants and followers, may our lives be a reflection of you amongst all who are around us, especially our family, friends, neighbors, community and anyone we meet.

Silence

While we wait,

Help us walk with you and grow in wisdom.

Make our hearts compassionate and responsive to the needs of the lonely, sick, hungry, oppressed, depressed, homeless, imprisoned and all others in need.

Silence

While we wait,

Help us walk with you and grow in wisdom.

Lord, in these times of uncertainty and peril where fires, earthquakes, volcanoes and storms seems to prevail and there is a divisive atmosphere that tests our hope and faith, may we remember that you also were tested and suffered greatly and prevailed.

Silence

While we wait,

Help us walk with you and grow in wisdom.

Help us embrace our common humanity as your beloved in Christ and work to make our communities and this world a safe and environmentally balanced place for all and where everyone can thrive.

Silence

While we wait,

Help us walk with you and grow in wisdom.

Let us restore the natural balance of nature and work for peace, justice and freedom for every creature in this world.

Silence

While we wait,

Help us walk with you and grow in wisdom.

Lord, we pray for the leaders of this nations that they will work to restore civility, respect, and honor in how they handle the affairs of this nation and the world. May they celebrate the dignity and diversity of all human kind and govern themselves like Jesus, who was not above the law but instead fulfilled it perfectly.

Silence

While we wait,

Help us walk with you and grow in wisdom.

Lord, we pray for all who have died and those who mourn them. May they be comforted as they remember that through your death, you opened the doors to eternal life.

Silence

While we wait,

Help us walk with you and grow in wisdom.

The Celebrant add 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

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

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Music: Old 100th

Musical notation for the Doxology. The notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise.

him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant, says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Paul and all your

saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People and Celebrant

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 said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received Communion, people stand or kneel as the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

EVENTS AT THE EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY TO UC BERKELEY

The Episcopal Campus Ministry to UC Berkeley invites you to two special events to start the spring semester.

Thursday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m. – St. Mark's in Berkeley

We will have an Epiphany Carols service with music and readings that mark the incarnate manifestation of Jesus.

Thursday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. - St. Mark's in Berkeley

We are excited to welcome Bishop Marc for an annual celebration of Candlemas. We will conclude the Christmas festival with music and the blessing of candles. Following the service Bishop Marc will present on his experience with Thich Nhat Hanh and his relationship with Martin Luther King. RSVP (not mandatory) or inquiries may be made to Tom Poynor: calcanterbury@gmail.com

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.

Tito Alvarez
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 Edwina Devlin
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Alexander Glenn
 Jewels Gibbs
 Grace Gough
 Londell Guffen
 Vincent Hall
 Pastor Motuba Harding
 Chrystina Harris
 Michelle Hartmann
 David Holley
 Eric Hubert
 Mark Hunter
 Sharon Hyde
 Nick Indehar
 Gregory Jackson
 Doug Jensen
 Peter Johnson
 Sam Johnson
 Reginald & Theresa Lane
 Annie Lesch
 Vita Lopata
 Nicole McClain
 Ruby McClain
 Ginny McCormick
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 Robert Pilmer
 Mark Pingree
 David Raskin
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

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.

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Christian Harding
Assisting Priest

Deacon

The Ven. Carolyn Bolton
Archdeacon

Lector

Helen Devlin

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Paula Hawthorn, Helen Devlin,
Maria Paull

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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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