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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

SELF DISCOVERY

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This year the month of March begins with the end of the season of Epiphany. We have heard that God has been manifested in human form in the person of

Jesus. On the last Sunday of Epiphany, we hear the voice of God speaking of the transfigured Jesus saying: "This is my son, my Chosen, listen to him!" As we begin the season of Lent on March 10, it feels as though we're going to start all over again: Jesus has been baptized, and he now goes into the wilderness, after he has heard the voice of God saying: "You are my son, my beloved, with you I am well pleased." I believe that in both of these instances these words of God are not simply an announcement for the partaking of the gathered crowd, or the few. Rather I believe that the main audience for both messages from God is Jesus himself. If we believe that Jesus was as human as we are, we must also believe,

notwithstanding the fact that he was the Son of God, the Eternal Word from Heaven *through whom all things were made*, that throughout his life he was always trying to understand who he was and what his mission in life was. This is true even in his last days; as he entered Jerusalem triumphantly riding on a donkey; as he is with his disciples one last time, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and asking God if possible for this cup to be removed from him, but at the end acceding to God's will; as he stands in judgment before Pilate; and even as he is dying on the cross and wondering why all, even God, have abandoned him.

Discovering who we are and who we are called to be is as human as breathing. But it can seem a lot more daunting and perplexing, particularly because it involves understanding our place in a world created by God, but whose social norms have been created by humans.

Like Jesus, there are many among us who are called to not only live beyond the established norms and rules, but to

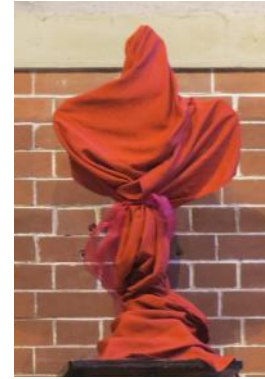
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"What could a just world look like? How do we, with all our limits, answer the call to help build it?"

Join us after the 10:00 service this Sunday, March 3 during Coffee Hour in the Narthex for a social justice ministry fair. Representatives of our current social justice ministries will be on hand to chat about the work St. Paul's does to ad-

vance social justice in our community and world. Come to learn, get involved, and share your ideas for how St. Paul's can help work toward the justice, equity, and peace that Jesus preached."

LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR



Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

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

Every Sunday, March 10 through April 14:

Lenten Series, Following the 10 a.m. Service, Chapter Room

Every Monday, March 11 through April 15:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Tuesday, March 12 through April 9:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Wednesday, March 13 through April 17:

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 7 through April 18:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Friday, March 8 through April 12

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

Palm Sunday – April 14

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

Holy Wednesday – April 17:

The Service of Tenebrae, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday – April 18:

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 19:

The Service of Good Friday, 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday – April 20:

The Great Vigil of Easter
8 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 21:

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.

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.

THE CHILDREN OF ST. PAUL'S NEED YOU!

FAITH QUEST

St. Paul's has made a large commitment to the young people of our parish with exciting new programs, like Godly Play. We invite you to contact our Faith Quest leaders if you wish to visit and observe this program in action or to volunteer. We are looking for persons to serve as storytellers and as door keepers.



COME ONE, COME ALL!

TO ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE FEED AND RACES

We'll serve a traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner with bacon, vegan sausage, coffee & juice and all the pancakes you can eat! There is always a gluten free pancake option.

Then, get ready for the competitive and really fun pancake races! Will last year's winners defend their titles? Join us to find out!

WHEN: March 5, 2019

TIME: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall
114 Montecito Avenue
Oakland, CA 94610

COST: Suggested donation of \$1.00 for kids, \$3.00 for adults

COME JOIN THE FUN AND GO FLIPPIN' CRAZY!



BAKING COMMUNION BREAD DURING LENT

This year for the Sunday and Weekday Eucharist services, we will be using homemade bread. If you would like to participate in this special ministry, please contact Father Wilson, office phone: (510) 834-4314 x 502, email: rector@stpaulsoakland.com.

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*
Irene Plunkett
Senior Warden
Will Cowart
Junior Warden
Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Clerk
Saundra Anderson
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2019
Pamela Kruse-Buckingham
Irene Plunkett
Will Cowart

Class of 2020
Allison Sass
Dylan Versteeg
Class of 2021
Madyé Parrish
Sergio Prieto
Erica Terry-Derryck

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Delegates

Melanie Blake
James Kadleck
Tom McGarrell

Alternates

To Be Appointed

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, March 3, 2019

10:00 a.m.

**Traditional Choral Matins service,
with Eucharist.**

Benedicte omnia opera, by Purcell
Benedictus, by Handl
Faire is the Heaven, by Harris
With St. Paul's Chancel Choir.
Christopher Kula, Music Director and
organist.

Farrant, Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake

Byrd, Ave verum corpus

With St. Paul's Chancel Choir.

Christopher Kula, Choir Director and
Organist.

Sunday, March 24, 2019

4:00 p.m.—Concert

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra

Fourth Concert. Dmitri Shostakovich ·
Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op.54
Richard Wagner • Tristan und Isode:
Prelude and Liebestod Raeeka Shehabi-
Yaghmai, Soprano soloist Eric Hansen,
Music Director and Conductor Pre-
concert talk begins at 2:40 PM. Families
with children are always welcome and
the facility is wheelchair accessible.
There is no admission fee for our
concerts but donations are gratefully
accepted. [http://
www.prometheussymphony.org](http://www.prometheussymphony.org)

Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:00 p.m.—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 Compline Choir.

Christopher Kula, Choir Director.

Sunday, March 3, 2019

4:00 p.m.—Evensong

With St. Paul's Schola Cantorum,
Christopher Kula, Director.
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.

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Traditional Ash Wednesday service,

with imposition of ashes and Eucharist,
marking the beginning of Lent.

Purcell, Remember not, Lord, our
offences

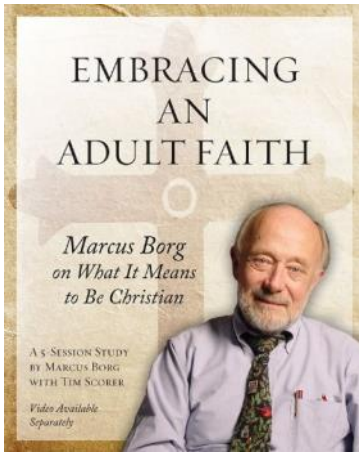
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hearing from writers
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month previous
to publication.*

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

2019 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES: EMBRACING AN ADULT FAITH



Author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? Who was Jesus? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith?

Marcus Joel Borg (1942–2015) was an American New Testament scholar and theologian. He was among the most widely known and influential voices in progressive Christianity. As a fellow of the Jesus Semi-

nar, Borg was a major figure in historical Jesus scholarship. He was Canon Theologian at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon. Internationally known in both academic and church circles as a biblical and Jesus scholar. He retired as Hundere Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University in 2007 and died eight years later at the age of 72.

Borg served as national chair of the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature, co-chair of its International New Testament Program Committee and president of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars. On May 31, 2009, he was installed as the first canon theologian at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

In this five-session, faith-formation resource, participants enjoy the rare privilege of witnessing Marcus in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly -- and sometimes painfully -- confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers.

March 13: God

March 20: Jesus

March 27: Salvation

April 3: Practice

April 10: Community



Information obtained from various internet sources

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.

2019 SUNDAY LENTEN SERIES

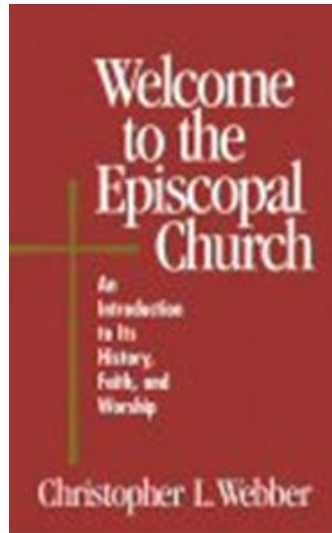
Welcome to the Episcopal Church

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.



*In the Chapter Room,
following the 10:00 a.m. Service*

Familiarize yourself with the basics of the Episcopalian Church. This new introduction covers the history, structure, spirituality, worship, and outreach of the Episcopal Church in a straightforward, conversational tone. Each chapter includes study questions, making it an excellent resource for adult parish study and inquirer's classes.

Part of the journey in the Church is learning the stories: where it came from, what it believes, how it worships, how it understands the Bible and God, how it reaches out to the rest of the world. Many of the stories are contained in this book. Some of them may have much in common with your own story, and help you understand why you were drawn here, and how your story might become a part of the larger story.

From an Episcopal perspective Christopher L Webber explores our history, worship, beliefs, spiritual life, organization of the church, mission and outreach, and the way we read and understand the Bible.

Christopher Weber is an Episcopal priest has served inner-city, suburban, and overseas parishes.

March 10 History
March 17 Worship
March 24 The Bible
March 31 Teachings
April 7 Spirituality



Information obtained from the Preface and back cover of the book.

SAINT OF THE MONTH

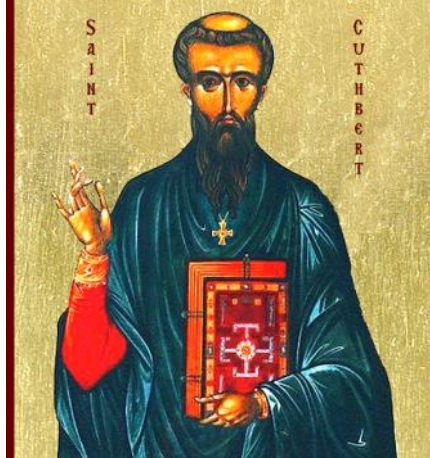
CUTHBERT BISHOP OF LINDISFARNE, 687

Cuthbert was the most popular saint of the pre-Conquest Anglo-Saxon Church. He was born about 625.

The Venerable Bede, who wrote a life of Cuthbert, tells us that in his youth, while tending sheep one night and praying, “as was his wont,” he saw a stream of light break through the darkness, and in its midst, “a company of the heavenly host descended to the earth, and having received among them a spirit of surpassing brightness, returned without delay to their heavenly home.” Learning the next day that Aidan of Lindisfarne had died at that very time, Cuthbert “determined forthwith to enter a monastery.”

Trained in the austere traditions of Celtic monasticism, Cuthbert was Prior of Melrose Abbey from 651 to 664, and then of Lindisfarne for twelve years. Bede says that he was accustomed to make visitations even to remote villages to preach to simple folk who, “neglecting the sacrament of their creed, had recourse to idolatrous remedies; as if by charms or amulets, or any other mysteries of the magical art, they were able to avert a stroke inflicted upon them by the Lord. . . .” Bede says that Cuthbert “often remained a week, sometimes two or three, nay, even a whole month, without returning home; but dwelling among the mountains, taught the poor people, both by words of his preaching, and also by his own holy conduct.”

Archbishop Theodore recognized Cuthbert’s greatness of character and made him Bishop of Hexham in 684, but Cuthbert continued to make his see at Lindisfarne. He returned two years later to his hermitage on the neighboring island of Farne, where he died on March 20, 687.



Cuthbert accepted the decisions of the synod of Whitby in 663 that brought the usages of the English Church into line with Roman practice. He was thus a “healer of the breach” that threatened to divide the Church into Celtic and Roman factions.

At the time of the Viking invasions, the monks of Lindisfarne carefully protected his relics during their wanderings, until, finally, they brought them to Durham, where one may see today the remnants of his shrine and visit his tomb.

Almighty God, you called Cuthbert from following the flock to be a shepherd of your people: Mercifully grant that, as he sought in dangerous and remote places those who had erred and strayed from your ways, so we may seek the indifferent and the lost, and lead them back to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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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worship opportunities dur-
ing the season of Lent

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reinterpret them or establish new ones.

In this sense 21st century Christians are no different than their first century counterparts. They and we are called to see the world, God and ourselves differently. This requires what I would like to call “fearless open-mindedness,” understanding that this could lead us to a place of great enlightenment, wisdom and deep relationship with God; but that same place could also be one where a sense of loneliness and abandonment might creep in. I can’t help but think of God’s children in our denomination and others, such as the United Methodist Church, who live with the pain of exclusion, judgment and vilification in their hearts because of whom God has created them to be, and because of how God has called

them to live and witness God’s love.

Their journey of self-discovery has led them to be true to themselves and to the world.

Holy Scripture offers no consolation when it comes to the possibility of such a reality becoming true in our lives.

What we are offered time and again in the words of God to the prophets, the disciples and even Jesus himself is a promise of God’s grace, as God’s beloved and the assurance of rest and peace in God’s loving arms.

May your continued journey of faith lead you into a deeper understanding of your belovedness.