



# REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE

May 19, 2024

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND

**THE DAY OF PENTECOST—WHITSUNDAY**

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*We are a diverse, inclusive community in the Episcopal Diocese of California, 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 Worship (EOW).*

Join the service Live Stream on our Facebook page [here](#).

# The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

## 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 God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* Amen.

*All sit.*

## THE FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

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

**PSALM 104: 25-35, 37**

*Benedic, anima mea*

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
**in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**
- 26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.**
- 27 **There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.**
- 28 **All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.**
- 29 **You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**
- 30 **You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**
- 31 **You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.**
- 32 **May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**
- 33 **He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.**
- 34 **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- 35 **May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.**
- 37 **Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!**

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 8: 22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

## THE GOSPEL

John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

*All stand.*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.



*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*by Alice Brilmayer*

On this Pentecost, let us hear the rush of wind as the apostles did. Let tongues of fire rest with us, filling us with the Holy Spirit. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Shout with joy to the lord all you lands. Lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing."

Bless this church and all its saints, past and present. Nurture our clergy, especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Marc, our bishop, Austin, our bishop coadjutor; Mauricio and Christian, our priests; and Carolyn and Gary, our archdeacons. Provide guidance to our lay leaders and volunteers.

Shout with joy to the lord all you lands,

**Lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Imbue our government with the spirit of justice. Let elected leaders treat all people with respect, regardless of race or faith. Let them care for everyone—the poor as well as the rich. For the weak as well as the powerful.

Shout with joy to the lord all you lands,

**Lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Help us to create heaven on this earth. Urge all nations to clean up the damage we've done to the climate, causing droughts, hurricanes, and tornadoes. Teach us to protect mountains and streams, marshes and meadows. We've done harm. We have the power to do good.

Shout with joy to the lord all you lands,

**Lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Make us thankful for the gift of the Holy Spirit. As it settled on the apostles on that first day of Pentecost, let it always abide with us. Let it fill us with a sense of gratitude and awe. All our blessings come from God.

Shout with joy to the lord all you land,

**Lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Teach us to care for people who are struggling. The poor, homeless, sick, imprisoned, oppressed, or suffering emotional difficulties. Let us bring humility as we help our fellow human beings.

*The people may add their petitions*

Shout with joy to the lord all you lands,

**Lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

The ones who have left this life reside with the Holy Spirit, seeing it clearly. Those of us left behind grieve the loss of our loved ones. Comfort us now with the knowledge that we will be



reunited in God’s embrace when our time has arrived.

Shout with joy to the lord all you lands,  
**Lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **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**

*Here are ways to contribute to the mission and ministry of the parish:*

*Text to Give: Text the word “GIVE” to phone number 510-900-7759.*

*Online giving: Go to <https://stpaulsoakland.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan this QR Code:*



*Paypal contribution: scan this QR Code:*



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

## THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380, verse 3

*Music: Old 100th*

Musical score for 'The Doxology' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever.

*All*     **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence.

*All*     **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. *Amen.*

*All*     **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*All*     **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*     Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*     **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**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).

Tito Alvarez	Larry Gray	Mark Pingree
Catherine Ann	Londell Guffen	David Raskin
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Anne Barclay	Michelle Hartmann	Manny Smith
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Kate Britton	Gregory Jackson	Cheryl Ting
Helena Busquets	Peter Johnson	Cheryl Torrance
Miguel Chamorro	Priscilla Kingston	Cary Virtue
Cheryl Clausen	Alex Krueger	Nancy & William Walker
Sister Rose Coleman	Reginald & Theresa Lane	Renee Walker-Bolden
Martika Crawford	Natalie Lehman-	Robert Wright
John Ross Devlin	Buckingham	
Victoria Maxine Devlin	Vita Lopata	
Edwina Devlin	Rafael Martin	
Brian Faucette	Nicole McClain	
Jewelle Gibbs	James Meredith	
Alexander Glenn	Bryan Patterson	
Grace Gough	Garrett Petersen	

#### CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Marc H. Andrus  
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The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson  
*Rector*

The Ven. Canon Carolyn Bolton  
*Archdeacon*

The Rev. Christian Harding  
*Assisting Priest*

The Ven. Gary England  
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#### VESTRY

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Indira Balkissoon—Sr. Warden  
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Paula Hawthorn  
Doug Jensen

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Sundays

8 AM Spoken Eucharist

10 AM Choral Eucharist

### Fourth Sundays

8 PM Compline in the  
Church

### First Sundays

4 PM Evensong in the  
Church

### Wednesdays

12:10 PM Spoken Eucharist  
Livestream

### *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson  
*Rector*

### *Assisting*

The Rev. Christian Harding  
*Assisting Priest*

### *Deacons*

The Ven. Canon Carolyn Bolton  
*Archdeacon*

The Ven. Gary England  
*Archdeacon*

### *Subdeacon*

Rachel Dykzeul  
*Seminarian*

### *Altar Guild*

Ann Del Simone, Sandra  
Robinson, Jeanette Dinwiddie-  
Moore

**The Sacrament of  
Reconciliation may be  
scheduled with any priest.**

Music usage licensing and  
agreements: Church Hymnal  
Corporation, New York;  
OneLicense.net

## 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 (510.834.4314 Ext. 501/ [admin@stpaulsoakland.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsoakland.org)).

### **The Restroom**

There are two restrooms available during worship: one at the back of the church in the Mustard Seeds Room, and one in the ambulatory (front of the church) on the epistle (right side facing the altar, through the doorway) side. If you require an accessible restroom please ask an

### **Our Vision**

*St. Paul's dares to be an open embracing community; discovering, celebrating, and sharing the Love of Christ.*

### **Our Mission**

*St. Paul's invites you to a spiritual journey: to love God and your neighbors near and far; to worship, pray and serve joyfully in our community; to strive to become more Christ-like in living out the promises of our baptism that all may know Christ's healing love.*



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