



# REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE

June 26, 2024

12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## The Word of God

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

*Celebrant  
People*

Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.  
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for  
ever. Amen.

### 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 his 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.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*All sit.*

### **FIRST READING**

II Kings 22: 8-13; 23:1-3

The high priest Hilkiyah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." When Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, he read it. Then Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workers who have oversight of the house of the LORD." Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "The priest Hilkiyah has given me a book." Shaphan then read it aloud to the king.

When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes. Then the king commanded the priest Hilkiyah Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary, and the king's servant Asaiah, saying, Go, inquire of the LORD for me, for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our ancestors did not obey the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.

Then the king directed that all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem should be gathered to him. The king went up to the house of the LORD, and with him went all the people of Judah, all the inhabit-

ants of Jerusalem, the priests, the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD. The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD, keeping his commandments, his decrees, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. All the people joined in the covenant.

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

**Psalm 119: 33-40**

*Legem pone*

- 33 For they so embittered his spirit \*  
**that he spoke rash words with his lips.**
- 34 **They did not destroy the peoples \***  
**as the Lord had commanded them.**
- 35 **They intermingled with the heathen \***  
**and learned their pagan ways,**
- 36 **So that they worshiped their idols, \***  
**which became a snare to them.**
- 37 **They sacrificed their sons \***  
**and their daughters to evil spirits.**
- 38 **They shed innocent blood,**  
**the blood of their sons and daughters, \***  
**which they offered to the idols of Canaan,**  
**and the land was defiled with blood.**
- 39 **Thus they were polluted by their actions \***  
**and went whoring in their evil deeds.**
- 40 **Behold, I long for your commandments; \***  
**in your righteousness preserve my life.**

*All stand.*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 7: 15-20

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

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

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY

The Rev. Christian Harding

*A period of silence is kept following the sermon.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Form IV (BCP)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*All*     **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 Celebrant 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.

*All*     **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.*

## **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:*



*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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues,*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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*  
*People*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**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.*

## **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* 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.*

*All* Amen.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**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  
 Catherine Ann  
 Kathleen Jean Anthony  
 Gwendolyn Austin  
 Stephanie Azlin-Carr  
 Anne Barclay  
 Dr. Basdeo Balkissoon  
 Aaron A. Benjamin  
 Lisa Bishop  
 Kate Britton  
 Helena Busquets  
 Miguel Chamorro  
 Cheryl Clausen  
 Sister Rose Coleman  
 Martika Crawford  
 John Ross Devlin  
 Victoria Maxine Devlin  
 Edwina Devlin  
 Brian Faucette  
 Jewelle Gibbs

Alexander Glenn  
 Grace Gough  
 Larry Gray  
 Londell Guffen  
 Vincent Hall  
 Chrystina Harris  
 Michelle Hartmann  
 David Holley  
 Sharon Hyde  
 Nick Indehar  
 Gregory Jackson  
 Peter Johnson  
 Priscilla Kingston  
 Alex Krueger  
 Reginald & Theresa Lane  
 Natalie Lehman-  
 Buckingham  
 Vita Lopata  
 Rafael Martin  
 Nicole McClain

James Meredith  
 Bryan Patterson  
 Garrett Petersen  
 Mark Pingree  
 David Raskin  
 Joel Reyna  
 Jessica Rojas  
 Manny Smith  
 Thomas Spitz  
 Paul Sporer  
 Ramona Terry  
 Cheryl Ting  
 Cheryl Torrannce  
 Cary Virtue  
 Nancy & William Walker  
 Renee Walker-Bolden  
 Robert Wright

**CLERGY**

The Rt. Rev. Marc H. Andrus  
*Bishop of California*  
 The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson  
*Rector*  
 The Ven. Canon Carolyn Bolton  
*Archdeacon*  
 The Rev. Christian Harding  
*Assisting Priests*  
 The Ven. Gary England  
*Archdeacon*

**STAFF**

Ben Bachmann  
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*Assistant Music Director*  
 Jackie Kamakate  
*Parish Administrator*  
 Joan Clerk  
*Bookkeeper*  
 Danislav Nedevski  
*Sexton*  
 Elena Nedevska  
*Housekeeper*

**VESTRY**

**Class of 2024**  
 Indira Balkissoon—*Sr. Warden*  
 Irene Plunkett  
 Matthew Schooler  
**Class of 2025**  
 Pam Kruse-Buckingham—*Treasurer*  
 Richard Larson—*Jr. Warden*  
 Daniel (Digger) Lauter  
**Class of 2026**  
 David Anderson—*Clerk*  
 Paula Hawthorn  
 Doug Jensen

## **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

*Live stream only, until  
further notice.*

### **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.**

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

***Celebrant and Preacher**  
The Rev. Christian Harding  
Assisting Priest*

## 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** 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. Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help if you require any assistance.

### **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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