Welcome to All  

*Community in a Time of Physical Distancing*

Welcome to St. Paul’s Burlingame! We are glad that you are able to join us for this time of prayer and worship. Together we hear God’s Word and listen for the voice of the Spirit. In the Advent season, we prepare for the coming of Christ into our midst. As we wait with expectation and longing, we light candles in the dark. The central symbol of the coming of the Christ is the bringing of the light of God’s Word into the darkness.

You can follow along with the online service using this bulletin with people’s responses in bold type. If not otherwise noted, the online Liturgy is drawn from the expansive language Holy Eucharist approved by the Episcopal Church’s 79th General Convention in 2018.

The Online Sunday Service can be found in three locations:
- Our website: [www.stpaulsburlingame.org](http://www.stpaulsburlingame.org)
- Our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StPaulsBurlingame](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsBurlingame)
- Our YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/StPaulsBurlingame](http://www.youtube.com/StPaulsBurlingame)

For past weekly recorded sermons and services, visit our YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/StPaulsBurlingame](http://www.youtube.com/StPaulsBurlingame). You will find Playlists for both Worship Services and Sermons.

For past weekly audio recorded sermons and services, visit us online at [www.StPaulsBurlingame.org/home](http://www.StPaulsBurlingame.org/home) and scroll down to Sermon Recordings and Service Recordings.

If you would like to add names to our prayer list you can email mtorres@StPaulsBurlingame.org to contact Michelle. If you would like to find out more about St. Paul’s please email tskilling@StPaulsBurlingame.org to contact our Rector, Thomas Skillings. We would like to connect with you!
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
*The Trisagion is sung as the Advent candle is lit.

Trisagion
Ruth Boshkoff (b. 1934)

*May be sung as a round.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
1. **O come, O come, Emmanuel,**

   **Veni, veni, Emmanuel**

   1. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who ordrest all things mightily;
   2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
   3. O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
   4. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;

   1. to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
   2. in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty and awe.
   3. make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
   4. disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

   Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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The Collect for the Day

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

*A moment of silence is observed as we prepare our hearts for prayer.*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**
The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader    Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People    Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80: 1, 3, 17

Hear, Hear O Shepherd of Israel, Patricia Van Ness (b. 1951)
Joey Blundell, Lily Hartley, Séraphée de Labaca, Elizabeth Kimble, Akane Ota

Hear, Hear O shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
So we never turn away from you,
Give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Restore us; show the light of your countenance,
And we shall be saved.
The Holy Gospel

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

After the reading, the reader says

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

A Prayer for Mission

Said by all

Gracious and loving God, help us this day to understand and celebrate your dream for the world, to be transformed in Jesus’ love, and to use our gifts to make a difference for others. Amen.

The Sermon

The Rev. Thomas Skillings

Anthem sung in German

Bereite dich, Zion, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Abigail Akers, Natalie Dias, Lily Hartley, Séraphée de Labaca

Bereite dich, Zion, mit zärtlichen Trieben,
Make yourself ready, Zion, with tender desires
Den Schönsten, den Liebsten bald bei dir zu seh!
To see with you soon him who is most beautiful, most dear!
The Prayers of the People
*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Let us pray for the world, for the church and for all people, that God who is always coming to save may be known and received with joy.

We pray for the church throughout the world, and for our church, St Paul’s. May we be both patient and active as we proclaim the good news of your coming.

**Come quickly saving God,**
**And let your light shine upon us.**

We pray this day for our nation, in this time of transition. May all who are leaders use their power and instruments of your mercy and justice, so that your will may be done on earth. We pray especially for our President Donald, for President-elect Joseph.

**Come quickly saving God,**
**And let your light shine upon us.**

We pray for the welfare of our world. For those who do not have enough for a dignified life. For those who suffer from disease. We pray especially for those who are affected by the COVID pandemic, and those who are working to defeat it.

**Come quickly saving God,**
**And let your light shine upon us.**

We pray for all who suffer in body mind or spirit, that your healing grace and presence may fill them with the healing, peace and joy that passes understanding. Especially today we pray for …

**Come quickly saving God,**
**And let your light shine upon us.**

We pray for all who have died, especially …

**Come quickly saving God,**
**And let your light shine upon us.**

The Lord’s Prayer

And we gather all of our prayers as we pray together.:  

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**
All sing

Hymn 61

“Sleepers, wake!”  Wachet auf

1  “Sleep-ers, wake!”  A voice a-stounds us, the
2  Zio-n hears the watch-men sing-ing; her
3  Lam-b of God, the heavens a-dore you; let

shout of ram-part-guards sur-rounds us: “A-
heart with joy-ful hope is spring-ing, she
saints and an-gels sing be-fore you, as

wake, Je-ru-sa-lem, a-rise!” Mid-night’s peace their
wakes and hurries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym-bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro-ken, their ur-gent sum-mons clearly spo-
Bride-groom glo-rious in strength of grace, in truth vic-to-
ri-ty’s por-tals: through them we stream to join the im-mor-

(continued on page 8)
ken: “The time has come, O maidens wise!
rious: Her star is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur-round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in
Now come, most worth thy Lord, God’s Son, Incarnate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de-

sight. Alleluia! Your lamps prepare and
Word, Alleluia! We follow all and
light: Alleluia! Therefore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wedding feast may share.”
heed your call to come into the banquet hall.
greet our King; for ever let our prais-es ring.

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The priest blesses the people.

Blessing

The Dismissal

Priest  Stay awake! Let us watch and wait for the coming of Christ’s light.
People    Thanks be to God!

Postlude  

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645, Johann Sebastian Bach  

text and tune at Hymn 61

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MUSIC NOTE by Susan Jane Matthews, Director of Music

Happy Advent! The church season begins anew with Advent, a season in which we prepare threefold for the coming of Christ: “who is and who was and who is to come.” We are perhaps most aware of “who was”: Christ’s coming in the birth of Jesus to Mary in Bethlehem. We also celebrate “who is”: Christ’s coming to us mystically in our own lives in the present time. Lastly, we anticipate “who is to come”: the coming of Christ in the fullness of creation being restored among us. The lighting of the Advent wreath during the singing of the Trisagion (Thrice holy) symbolizes the bringing of light to those who sit in darkness, waking to God among us.

Hymns & Postlude. The opening hymn is the medieval Advent carol Veni, veni, Emmanuel: “O come, O come, Emmanuel.” This carol is based on the seven Great O Antiphons, eighth-century chants sung daily at the monastic office of Vespers between December 17 and 23 to frame the Magnificat, the song of Mary. Each of the seven O Antiphons invoke God with different names drawn from the Hebrew Scriptures: O Sapientia (O Wisdom); O Adonai (O Lord); O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse); O Clavis David (O Key of David); O Oriens (O Dayspring); O Rex gentium (O King of nations); O Emmanuel. In these petitions, one discovers a Latin acrostic when reading the first letter of the names in reverse order: ERO CRAS or “Tomorrow I will be.”

The appointed Gospel from Mark invokes us to keep awake, to be ready for the Lord coming into our lives when we might least expect it. In the words of the German Lutheran chorale sung as the final hymn and set in the tenor voice of the postlude by Johann Sebastian Bach: Wachet auf! Wake up!

Psalm. The psalm is a premiere recording of Hear, Hear O Shepherd of Israel sung by a quintet of sopranos and altos from St. Paul’s. This musical setting and paraphrase of Psalm 80:1, 3, 17 is by St. Paul’s composer-in-residence Patricia Van Ness, a part of her larger project to set all 150 Psalms. www.patriciavanness.com/genre/psalms/

Anthem. The first aria of Johann Sebastian Bach’s Weihnachtsoratorium (Christmas Oratorio; 1734), Bereite dich, Zion, is sung in German by four teens from the Choir School. Again, we are urged to be ready to see God come among us: Bereite dich!
Christmas at St. Paul's

Annual Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 13 • 4pm

Joy to the World

Kassia | 9th c. Byzantine Christmas Chant
Barbara Strozzi | O Maria
Undine Smith Moore | Christmas Alleluia
Margaret Bonds | You can tell the world
G. F. Handel | Messiah Christmas highlights
Carol | Joy to the World!

Reserve a Concert Ticket Online
https://joytotheworld2020.eventbrite.com

Sing-a-long at home with the Choir of St. Paul's & Soloists from a Messiah score sent to you.

Choir of St. Paul's
Susan Jane Matthews, Organist & Director

Soloists: Abigail Akers, Natalie Dias, Lily Hartley, Jason Harvey, Elizabeth Kimble, David Kurtenbach, Séraphée de Labaca, & Akane Ota

All donations benefit the St. Paul's Choir School.

The Circle at St. Paul's Has Holiday Packaged Nuts for Sale!!

The Ladies of The Circle at St. Paul's are continuing their tradition of selling holiday packaged nuts, fresh from Georgia, for sale at $7.75 each. We have 12-ounce dark chocolate covered pecans package, 10-ounce caramel pecan clusters (turtles) package and 8-ounce glazed honey pecans package. Each individually wrapped for gift giving!! Please call Sandy Galindo at (650)952-9555 or e-mail her at: sgalindo1946@yahoo.com to place your order. Thank you for your continued support! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Christmas on Holy Ground
Candlelight Carol Services
December 20 • 5pm and 6:30pm

While it is not possible to gather for Christmas as usual, save the date for an outdoor gathering in anticipation of the birth of Christ. Joyful prayers of praise, inspiring word and music by our singers will help us enter the wonderful mystery of God with us. Carols will be sung by an ensemble of eleven from the Choir of St. Paul’s. Look for sign-ups and more info in our special Christmas mailing or on the website, www.StPaulsBurlingame.org.

Two Online Christmas Eve Offerings
Thursday, December 24
www.youtube.com/StPaulsBurlingame

Christmas Eve Pageant
premiere at 4pm

Christmas Eve Service with the Choir of St. Paul’s
**Happenings at St. Paul’s**

**Virtual Coffee Hour**
8:45am & 10:45am

Join us via Zoom for a Virtual Coffee Hour at the usual scheduled time of 8:45am via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87884282944 or by calling 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 878 8428 2944 and again at 10:45am via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88580629168 or again by calling 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 885 8062 9168

**A Deeper Dive into Bible Readings**

Bible Study – Sundays at 12:30pm

Join the leaders of our Tongan congregation and the rector for a deeper dive into the scriptures for each Sunday. Connect with us through our email list for some preparation material before each gathering or simply join the Zoom session by clicking on https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775796902 or by calling 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 817 7579 6902

**Haven't Made a Pledge Commitment Yet for 2021?**

In these challenging times, many of us are finding it easy to lose track of things or forget. No need to worry. There is still time to get your pledge in.

[Click here to pledge online.](#)

If you would like us **to resend this year's pledge materials**, please click here.

A heartfelt thanks to all who have already made a pledge.

**Tuesday Teens**

December 8 • 4pm

Preteens (junior high school ages) and teens (high school ages) are invited to get to know other St. Paul teens. We will listen to one another’s stories and learn more about ourselves and God. Zoom sessions are from 4pm to 5pm. In addition to monthly Zoom gatherings, socially distanced hikes and other outdoor activities are being arranged for those interested. If you are interested in participating, please email jsideo@stpaulsburlingame.org to contact Pastoral Associate Jocelyn A. Sideco.

**Monday Mornings Centering Prayer**

Gathering on the Occidental Lawn
Every Monday following, weather permitting
9:15am

Preregistration is needed, [click here to email The Rev. Julie Grbam](mailto:). Centering Prayer is a method of meditation used by Christians placing a strong emphasis on interior silence. It’s a silent prayer practice to center ourselves in the Divine Presence of our God. **We will gather in silence to seek the divine interior silence through 20 minutes of Centering Prayer practice.** After 20 minutes, we continue with our day.

**Prayer Vigil for the Healing of the World ~ Wednesdays • 4:30pm**

The Healing Ministry of St. Paul’s has pledged to gather each Wednesday for 20 minutes to pray for the healing of this world from pandemic and social injustices. Anyone and everyone is free to join in this prayer via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/99471513814 or by calling 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 994 7151 3814 Passcode: 024222

**Online Monday Journey at 1pm**

Monday Journey is meeting via Zoom at its normally scheduled time of 1pm. Click on https://zoom.us/j/823318411 or call 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 823 318 411.
While the St. Paul’s campus remains closed, some small outdoor gatherings are now being offered at which preregistration is required. Online services continue!

SUNDAY: November 29
Sunday Online Worship: [www.sptaulsburlingame.org/home](http://www.sptaulsburlingame.org/home)
(Posted Saturdays at 4pm)

Coffee Hour, 8:45am – ONLINE via Zoom
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97884282944](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97884282944) or Phone in: 669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 924 5127 2686

Coffee Hour, 10:45am – ONLINE via Zoom
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88580629168](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88580629168) or Phone in: 669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 941 4217 7808

Tongan/English Bible Study, 12:30pm – ONLINE via Zoom:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775796902](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775796902) or call 669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 817 7579 6902

Church of Tonga Service, 2pm, Hg – SUSPENDED

MONDAY: November 30
Monday Journey, Women’s Bible Study, 1pm, ONLINE via Zoom
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/836230314](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/836230314) or Phone in: 669-900-9128
Preregistration required. Click here to register.

Monday Mornings Centering Prayer, 9:15am,
Tongan/English Bible Study, 12:30pm – ONLINE via Zoom:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775796902](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775796902) or call 669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 817 7579 6902

Weekly Staff Meeting, 10:30am, ONLINE via Zoom
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/836230314](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/836230314) or Phone in: 669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 823 318 411

TUESDAY: December 1
Weekly Staff Meeting, 10:30am via Zoom
St. Cecilia & St. Nicolas Choir Rehearsal, 4pm, ONLINE

WEDNESDAY: December 2
Chorister Rehearsal, 4pm, ONLINE
Healing Prayer Service, 4:30pm – ONLINE via Zoom
[https://zoom.us/j/99471513814](https://zoom.us/j/99471513814) or by calling 669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 994 7151 3814 Passcode: 024222
Teen Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, ONLINE

THURSDAY: December 3
Outreach Meeting, 9:30am, ONLINE via Zoom,
email Jay Janton for details

FRIDAY: December 4
Circle Zoom Get Together
[https://zoom.us/j/92274189105pw?pwd=VHO3aHdKWiNPyklZQWlLZQnL](https://zoom.us/j/92274189105pw?pwd=VHO3aHdKWiNPyklZQWlLZQnL)
Or call in 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 503 656 8822
Password: 162184

PARISH PRAYER CALENDAR
Week of Monday, November 30, 2020

Mon. 11/30 Dan March
Tues. 12/1 Walt & Jean Marcus
Wed. 12/2 Jack & Kathy Martin
Thu. 12/3 James & Candace Martin
Fri. 12/4 Lance & Cassandra Mason, Alexandra & Hailey
Sat. 12/5 Dr. Susan Matthews
Sun. 12/6 Stephen & Kimarie Matthews, Toby & Sam

The Parish Prayer Calendar is an ongoing daily prayer cycle we use to remember members here and at a distance. If we miss someone’s name, please call and let the office know. Thank you.

ST. PAUL’S WEEKLY CALENDAR

SERVING THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S
Thank you to all those whose ministry enlivens our worship today.
online service:

Preacher: The Rev. Thomas Skillings
Assisting: The Rev. Julie Graham,
Ms. Jocelyn A. Sideco, MTS
Musicians: Abigail Akers, Natalie Dias, Lily Hartley,
Séraphée de Labaca, Elizabeth Kimble, Akane Ota
Susan Jane Matthews, organist

SPECIAL THANKSGIVINGS

FLOWER & MUSIC DEDICATIONS
The flowers on the High Altar and Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God.

We give thanks for the birthdays this week of:
Callan Op't Holt, Derek Daniels, Stefan Luedtke,
Elaine Wong

We give thanks for the anniversaries this week of:
Walt & Jean Marcus, Chris & Renee Cowing

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS
You may add people to the prayer list by calling the office.
Names will appear for approximately four weeks.
In parentheses are those requesting the prayer.
Vili Young (Fifi T.), Banafsheh (Karen M.),
Laura Cope (Pamm M.), Charles Vaughn (Bev H.),
John & Arline Borgeson, Nate Price (Alli M.),
Allen Mulliken, Michele Blair (Jake B.),
Carole Schaffer (Amy K.), Nan Cusulos, Tom Breice,
Renee & Bernd Kemme (Lisa B.), Wally Klevesahl (Dawn M.), Dylan (Alli M.), Jim Prescott (Chris R.),
Murdoff family especially Charlotte

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
Richie Piazza
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Jim Steichen, Jo Ann Hartley, Kathy Martin, Anne Casscells, Wade Aubry, Paige Austin, Fusi Pahulu,
Mary Page Platerink and Tish Busselle. Cyndy Bodenlos: Clerk

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