Welcome to All
Community in a Time of Physical Distancing
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Welcome to St. Paul’s Burlingame. In our readings and prayers we are people who seek the light of Christ and commit to being open to Jesus' transforming love. We continue to pray for small and big resurrective moments throughout this Easter Season so that all may thrive. May you be strengthened and inspired by our time together to bring Christ's gracious love to all people.

You can follow along with the online service using this bulletin with people’s responses in bold type.

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 tskillings@StPaulsBurlingame.org to contact our Rector, Thomas Skillings. We would like to connect with you!

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

For past weekly recorded sermons and services, visit us online at www.stpaulsburlingame.org.

For past weekly recorded sermons and services, visit our YouTube Channel at 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 and scroll down to Sermon Recordings and Service Recordings.

Opening Acclamation
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
All sing -?

Hymn 487

“Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life,” The Call

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)
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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, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.
The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

After the reading, the reader says

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
     I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
    and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
    "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
    and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
    he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
    all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
    my descendants shall serve him; *
    they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
    the saving deeds that he has done.
The Holy Gospel  

John 15: 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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  

Jesus Christ the apple tree, Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne’er can tell,
The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see ’Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I’m weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

~ Anonymous, 18th century
The Prayers of the People

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishop Marc; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. We give thanks especially today for the ministry of Julie Graham, and for all those who have shared her leadership, in their work of inviting, nurturing, healing and teaching.

We pray also this day for St. Paul’s in this time of transition. May we listen for your voice as you lead us to new life.

Pray for the Church.

*The People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. As we receive the gift of new vaccines in our own nation, we pray for just and compassionate sharing among the nations of the world. Pray for justice and peace.

*The People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*The People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*The People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*The Celebrant adds names from the Special Prayers Request list.*

The Lord’s Prayer

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

*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 765

“O blessed Spring,” Berglund

1. O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us
2. Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain
3. When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
4. As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our
5. Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for

in to Christ the Vine: here Christ enjoins each one to
faith, rebellious tears, sustained by Christ’s infusing
heavy harvest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, return to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mystery: that Word and water thus re-

be a branch of this life-giving Tree.
rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.
move with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
wing and trust the promise of the spring.
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.
The priest blesses the people.

Blessing

The Dismissal

Priest  We remain one in the Spirit.
People  Thanks be to God.

Postlude  Prelude in D, BWV 532, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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MUSIC NOTE  by Susan Jane Matthews, Director of Music

The 18th-century anonymous American carol Jesus Christ the apple tree is sung as the anthem in a beloved setting by English composer Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987). Poston was an accomplished composer, known for her hymn tunes, carols, and works for radio and television, including collaborations with writers C. S. Lewis and Dylan Thomas. She worked visibly as a highly-regarded academic and secretly during World War II sending coded messages to European allies via BBC gramophone records. Poston’s strophic setting of Jesus Christ the apple tree ends with a canon, the staggered entry of voices a musical icon joining us with the divine, as a tree blossoming with fruit.

O blessed Spring likens the seasons to our journey through life. Whether we be in the Spring, Summer, Autumn, or Winter of our lives, we may be joined to a Spring of new life in Christ, the Tree of Life or in the words of today’s Gospel from John, the “True Vine.” This hymn is the fruit of a creative collaboration between two contemporary mid-western American musicians: poet Susan Palo Cherwien and composer Robert Buckley Farlee.

HAPPENINGS AT ST. PAUL’S

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR

JULIAN OF NORWICH

All shall be Well.
Saturday, May 8
5pm Online Service
www.youtube.com/StPaulsBurlingame
6pm Zoom Reception
https://zoom.us/j/6363798338
Meeting ID 636 3798 338

You are invited to the final Evensong & Reception of the season on the feast of the 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich.

Sequestered as an anchorite with only a cat as companion, Julian survived the bubonic plague pandemic, and wrote the earliest extant book in English by a named woman, known as Revelations of Divine Love or The Showings. Julian’s visionary writing describes the loving God as both Mother and Father, reminding us that the Bible refers to God as Mother (Isaiah 66:13 and Luke 13:34). She assured “all shall be well” through the love of the Mothering God.
Virtual Coffee Hour Will Return in Two Weeks

There will be no Virtual Coffee Hour this week or next. Be sure to join us via Zoom at the usual scheduled time of 8:45 am and 10:45 am on May 9.

A Deeper Dive into Bible Readings
Bible Study Will Also Return in Two Weeks

Bible Readings Bible Study will not meet this week or next. Join the leaders of our Tongan congregation and the rector for a deeper dive into the scriptures on Sunday, May 9. Connect with us through our email list for some preparation material before each gathering.

Online Monday Journey at 1pm

Monday Journey is meeting via Zoom at its normally scheduled time of 1 pm. Click on https://zoom.us/j/823318411 or call 669-900-9128. Meeting ID: 823 318 411.

The Circle Continues to Meet Virtually

Charlotte continues to host Circle Zoom gatherings on Fridays, 10:30 am. Here’s the 2021 Zoom information:

Meeting ID: 963 9278 7157
Passcode: 162184
Call in by phone: (669) 900 - 6833

Thank you to all members and friends who have inquired about Rummage donations. We remain unable to accept these donations until further notice.

Stay, Safe & Healthy!
The Ladies of The Circle

The Rev. Thomas’ Last Sunday at St. Paul’s — May 23

The Regathering Team along with the Vestry would like to announce opportunities for an in-person worship and celebratory liturgy in the Occidental parking lot to honor and recognize The Rev. Thomas Skillings on his last Sunday at St. Paul’s — May 23.

In order to attend, parishioners will need to sign up in advance. These services will be held in the Occidental Parking lot (RAIN or SHINE) with everyone socially distanced and wearing masks. If interested, you must sign up by May 15. Click on the appropriate time to sign up now:

9am 11am

We realize that many of our members have now been fully vaccinated but that is not the case for everyone. Once the services have concluded, Thomas will not stay on to greet folks individually or be able to receive your well-wishes personally. Instead you will be provided a note card (in a letter which you should receive within the next few days) to write a note of appreciation and then bring to the service and drop in baskets which will be provided. Additional cards will be provided for anyone who didn’t receive one.

Likewise, while we understand our shared excitement about being able to be together in person but we ask that following the services you greet one another briefly keeping socially distanced and leave the parking lot within 15 minutes.

If you are unable to attend in person, please feel free to write your note and send it back to the office for Thomas to receive. Thomas will then be able to read your well-wishes and have mementos of his time at St. Paul’s.

Please call the office if you need help signing up (348-4811).

Yours in gratitude,

The Regathering Team & The Vestry
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: May 2
Sunday Online Worship:
www.stpaulsburlingame.org/home
(Posted Saturdays at 4pm)

Sunday Worship, 9am, Occidental Parking Lot
Preregistration Required with face masks & social distancing

Sunday Worship, 11am, Occidental Parking Lot
Preregistration Required with face masks & social distancing

MONDAY: May 3
Monday Journey, Women’s Bible Study, 1pm, ONLINE via Zoom
https://zoom.us/j/836230314 or Phone in: 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 823 318 411

TUESDAY: May 4
Weekly Staff Meeting, 10:30am, ONLINE via Zoom
St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal, 4pm, ONLINE

WEDNESDAY: May 5
Chorister Rehearsal, 4pm, ONLINE
Healing Prayer Service, 4:30pm, ONLINE via Zoom
https://zoom.us/j/99471513814 or by calling 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 994 7151 3814 Passcode: 024222
Teens Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, ONLINE

FRIDAY: May 6
Circle Zoom Get Together
https://zoom.us/j/92274159150?pwd=VHQ3aHdKWjNPYkIzQnhzLb95dz09 Or call in 669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 503 656 8822 Password: 162184

PARISH PRAYER CALENDAR
Week of Monday, May 3, 2021

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Mon. 5/3 Lowry & Ian Brennan, Danie, Ian & Owen
Tues. 5/4 Lynn Bruce
Wed. 5/5 Jim & Tish Busselle
Thur. 5/6 George & Marilyn Canon
Fri. 5/7 Pete & Lee Caraher, Liam
Sat. 5/8 Dave & Kim Bottoms, Conner, Tate & Callie
Sun. 5/9 Karl & Tom Breice

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

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

Preacher: The Rev. Thomas Skillings
Assisting: The Rev. Julie Graham, Ms. Jocelyn A. Sideco, MTS
Choir Director & Organist: Dr. Susan Jane Matthews
Choir: Choir of St. Paul’s

SPECIAL THANKSGIVINGS
We give thanks for the birthdays this week of:
Holland Sutton, Caroline Readey, Dean Harman,
Patrick Mila, Lena Cheya, Reed Hagmueller,
Blake Hagmueller, Holly Kuhn, Grace Ghoorah,
Rob Bolt, Malina Guttenbeil, Yuki Ota

We give thanks for the anniversaries this week of:
Ron Goerss & Edith Foothorap

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.

Charles Vaughn, Jim Hansen, Bonnie Merrick
(Steve K.), Kristopher, Joan Verlingo (Karen K.),
Linda McLaughlin, Diane Miller, Forrest family
(Candace M.), Michele Sloat (Koch & Sutton families), Susan Lawson, Vili Young (Fifi T.),
Banafsheh (Karen M.), Laura Cope (Pamm M.), John & Arline Borgeson, Nate Price (Alli M.),
Michele Blair (Jake B.), Nan Cusulos, Tom Breice,
Renée & Bernd Kemme (Lisa B.), Wally Klevesahl (Dawn M.), Jim Prescott (Chris R.), Murdoff family especially Charlotte
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