
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

10 a.m. Contemporary Service

Welcome, Emily Hyberg, guest preacher. Emily serves as the Executive Director of the Belfry campus ministry in Davis.

Opening Hymn **GRACE ALONE**

Verse 1 **Every promise we can make
Every prayer and step of faith
Every difference we can make
Is only by his grace.**

**Every mountain we will climb
Every ray of hope we shine
Every blessing left behind
Is only by his grace**

Chorus **Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown he will provide
Christ in us, our cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone.**

Verse 2 **Every soul we long to reach
Every heart we hope to teach
Everywhere we share his peace
Is only by his grace.**

**Every loving word we say
Every tear we wipe away
Every sorrow turned to praise
Is only by his grace. (chorus)**

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- ¹ Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- ² Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- ⁵ Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- ⁶ God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- ⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹ You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- ³³ Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- ³⁴ He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- ³⁵ Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- ³⁶ How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my work, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my work, Lord, be glorified today.

(Substitute words in parenthesis for vs. 2-4 with: (my work, my rest, your church)

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Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my rest, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my rest, Lord, be glorified today.

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Sermon

Emily Hyberg

A time of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Written by Mary Frances Kelly Poh

Hymn *THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD*

Chorus **There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again (Chorus)**

**Don't ever feel discouraged
For Jesus is your friend
And if you lack of knowledge
He'll not refuse to lend**

**If you cannot preach like Peter
If you cannot pray like Paul
You can tell the love of Jesus
And say, "He died for all."**

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The Lord's Prayer *(all 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Blessing of the Graduates

Easter Blessing

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. 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.

Closing Hymn *SING FOR JOY*

Verse 1 **If we call to him, he will answer us;
If we run to him, he will run to us;
If we lift our hands, he will lift us up;
Come now praise his name, all you saints of God.**

Chorus **O sing for joy to God, our strength;
O sing for joy to God, our strength, our strength.**

Verse 2 **Draw near to him, he is here with us;
Give him your love, he's in love with us;
He will heal our hearts, he will cleanse our hands;
If we rend our hearts, he will heal our lands. (Chorus)**

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Dismissal

The Leader will dismiss the people.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Annie Mertz

Preacher: Emily Hyberg

Prayers of the People:

Mary Frances Kelly Poh

Music: Mark Sackett

Church Tech Support/Camera:

Yann Jouvenot Sells

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Jorge Castaneda,

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Bob V., Ann, Rueben

PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Maria Guevara

PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHER IN HOSPICE

Peter Mohr

BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Guerin, Andria Reid

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Wendy Peterson

Jim & Martha Wolf

Bill & Holly Markley

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING
IN OUR ARMED FORCES**

PFC Toby Williams, U.S. Army

PVT Andrew Contreras, U.S. Army

Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann,

U.S. Army

AB Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force

SA Michelle Severa, PA,

Air National Guard

Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force

Capt. Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

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

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

The Rev. Annie Mertz, *Rector*

Associate Priests:

The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert

The Rev. Pamela Higgins

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder

The Rev. Beth Gaines, *Deacon*

Grace Flint, *Seminarian*

VESTRY

Yann Jouvenot Sells, *Senior Warden*

Kim Rodekohr, *Junior Warden*

Betsy Zampa, *Clerk*

Jorge Castaneda, Cathy Cellini,

Heather Healy, Helen Kennedy-

Lazar, Charlie Kilbourne, Ken

Nowinski, David White, Giovanna

Zampa (Youth Advisor)

STAFF

Glenn Walp, *Traditional Music Director*

Mark Sackett, *Contemporary Music*

Director

Jim Brown, *Peddlers' Fair Coordinator*

Tim Markley, *Archivist*

Beckie Pelkey, *Youth & Family*

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JoAnn Souza, *Parish Administrator*

Betsy Zampa, *Communications*

Coordinator

Carolyn Conlin, Lily Field,

Emma Gilbert, Nayda Guerin,

Giovanna Zampa, *Nursery Care*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support the Belfry!

We are delighted to welcome Emily Hyberg, Executive Director of the Belfry! If you would like to support the amazing work and mission of our neighbors in campus ministry, please visit <http://www.thebelfry.org/support/>

Bishop Megan Issues a Pentecost Chalk Challenge

During the COVID-19 weekly leadership call, Bishop Megan laid down a challenge to the whole diocese. While showing a bucket of sidewalk chalk on the screen, she asked that everyone use their own supply, create a piece of sidewalk art, and submit it on social media for Pentecost.

#PentecostChalkChallenge

What will you draw: maybe a heart, some flowers, perhaps the flame or a dove to symbolize the Holy Spirit? If you don't feel particularly artsy, why not use your chalk to put your favorite quote on the sidewalk? Then, take a picture and share it with us on social media. Make sure you post it with the hashtags **#PentecostChalkChallenge** and **#NorCalEpiscopal**.

We also hope you'll like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram and Twitter. Each of those accounts is linked in the icons below: Click, Follow (or like), and Post!



View Sunday Services Without Using Facebook

In a conversation at a grocery store with a parishioner, it was brought to my attention that some folks are under the impression that they had to have a Facebook account in order to view the Sunday morning service. This isn't the case. The other option is to go to the website (www.stpaulsbenicia.org) at 10 am or a minutes before and click the purple box that says CLICK THIS BOX FOR SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10 AM. This will take you to the live service. If you have any questions about connecting, please contact me at betsyzampa@gmail.com.

—Betsy Zampa, Communications Coordinator

Coffee Hour — Sundays at 11 am

After the service, head over to Zoom for coffee hour! Check your Friday email from St. Paul's for secure Zoom log-in information.



*St. Paul's May 24th
Flower Dedication*

*Jim and Wendy Peterson
In Celebration of Our
Thirty-fourth Wedding Anniversary*



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Congratulations to the Children of St. Paul's — Class of 2020

Jeaniesue Pelkey



Jeaniesue is so excited to be promoting to Middle School. She can't wait to go to the same school as her church friends and dance friends. She was so disappointed to miss the big events that usually come with promotion and a cancelled dance season, but she is enjoying time with her brother, comfy clothes, and zoom, Zoom, ZOOM! She is looking forward to sunny days, hugs, friends, fellowship, and being a big 6th grader.

Colin Healy

We are so proud of what Colin has accomplished in these last three years at Benicia Middle School. He has been dedicated in the marching band and discovered a true musical side to him. He continues with Boy Scouts and is working on becoming the Star Rank. It's been a true pleasure watching him mature into a well-rounded young man. He's doing great academically as well as socially. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for this bright young man.



Giovanna Grace Zampa



Giovanna is graduating from Benicia High School in June. She plans to attend San Diego State University in the fall and will be doing distance learning from Benicia until the school opens up for in-person classes. She will stay on as St. Paul's Youth Advisor to the Vestry through the end of the year. Congratulations, Giovanna!

Lily has been dancing for 14 years and has participated in the Benicia high school advanced dance program for all 4 years. She has also represented her school as a cheerleader for all 4 years. Lily will be attending Chico State University majoring in kinesiology with a minor in dance. Lily also hopes to represent Chico as a Wildcat cheerleader and as an Expressions dancer. Lily is planning on becoming a physical therapist or a nurse. We are very proud of our Lily Bean and happy to share her accomplishments with our St. Paul's community.

Lily Marvin



BHS Class of 2020 Graduation Celebration

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Class of 2020 on Saturday, June 6 at 11 am for their graduation ceremony to be broadcast via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/c/BeniciaUnifiedSchoolDistrict>) and the Benicia Government Access channel (Comcast channel 27 or AT&T U-Verse channel 99). Following the ceremony, graduates and their parents will drive to Benicia High School to receive their diploma in a drive-thru style distribution from 1-2 pm. We encourage residents to come outside at 1 pm to wave, cheer, and celebrate our Benicia High School Class of 2020 graduates from a safe distance as they make their way to the school.

This Week @ St. Paul's

CONNECT WITH US ON ZOOM

Monday, 5/25/2020—Memorial Day

9 am +Morning Prayer

Tuesday, 5/26/2020

9 am +Morning Prayer

Wednesday 5/27/2020

9 am +Morning Prayer
11 am Bible Study
4:30 pm Community Meal Take Out

Thursday 5/28/2020

9 am +Morning Prayer

Friday, 5/29/2020

9 am +Morning Prayer

Saturday, 5/30/2020

Day of Pentecost, 5/31/2020

10 am +Church Service—
via Facebook Livestream
11 am Coffee Hour

Serving This Week

Altar Guild

Lorraine Ndusha

Flower Guild

Catherine Harrod

Vergers

Joe Brien

**The deadline for submitting
announcements is
Wednesday at noon.**

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