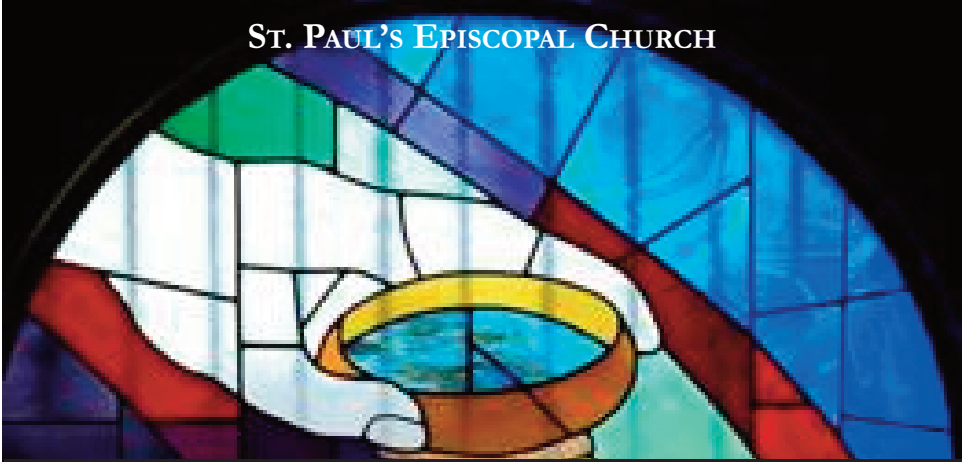
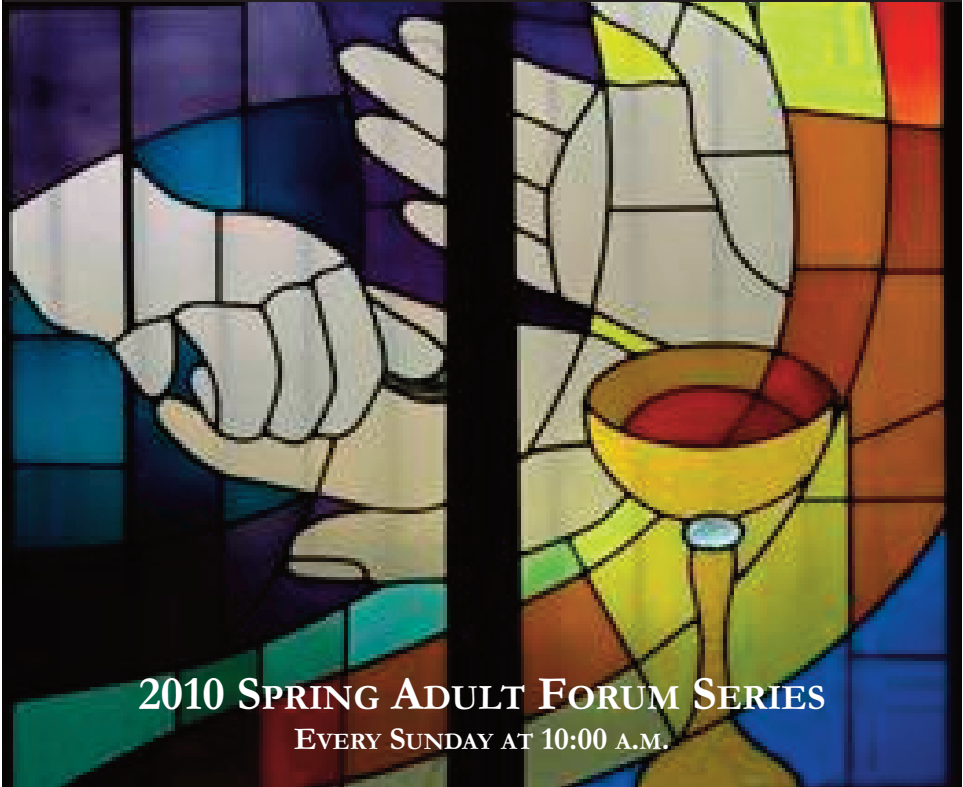


ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*Liturgy:  
The Story of Who We Are*



**2010 SPRING ADULT FORUM SERIES**  
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

*Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated to you;  
and then use us, we pray, as you will,  
and always to your glory and  
the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

## 2010 Spring Adult Forum Series

### *Liturgy: The Story of Who We Are*

This spring we examine how liturgy shapes us as Christian disciples. Enacting the story of Christianity through liturgy deepens our faith, forms us ethically, and binds us to the Christian tradition.

#### **Episcopalians have long said, “Praying shapes believing.”**

*How does our liturgy articulate our faith and tell the Christian story?*

#### **Praying also shapes behavior.**

*How does our liturgy form us to act as the people of God in this world?*

In this series, we explore the weekly Eucharistic liturgy as well as occasional liturgies such as baptism, Lenten liturgies, and the Easter Vigil. While some sessions focus upon broad questions like, “how does the liturgy lead to healthier living?” other sessions are specifically instructive, answering questions like, “why do we do this particular action in the liturgy and what’s behind it?”

### **2010 Spring Adult Forum Schedule**

Jan 31	You Are What You Eat
Feb 7	International Anglican Liturgies
Feb 14	Report from the Diocesan Annual Council
Feb 21 - Mar 28	Lenten Series: <i>Liturgy and Sacred Time</i>
Apr 18	Christ in Our Eucharistic Prayers
Apr 25	Children in Church, a Family at Prayer
May 2	Liturgy as Material Christianity
May 9	The Daily Office
May 16	The Prayer Book Turns Thirty
May 23	How Liturgy Leads to Healthier Living

*\*\* Please note: There will be no adult forums on Mar 14, Apr 4, or Apr 11 \*\**

## THE SESSIONS

Jan 31: **You Are What You Eat: Introduction and Discussion of the Eucharistic Liturgy**, The Rev. Ross Kane

Here we offer an introduction to the series and an exploration of the Eucharistic Liturgy. In the Eucharist, we partake of God's presence in the world through Jesus Christ and we remember the story of our salvation. Here we worship God, share friendship with God, and eat with God.

Feb 7: **International Anglican Liturgies: How Liturgy Shapes the Witness of the Church**, The Rev Canon Hosam Naoum and Gcebile Gina of South Africa, students at Virginia Theological Seminary. Dean Ian Markham, interviewer.

Anglicans around the world share a piety based upon *The Book of Common Prayer*, but each Province of the Anglican Communion has its own particular expression of liturgy. How do liturgies around the world reflect their context and articulate the story of faith? Canon Hosam Naoum brings expertise from Palestine and Gcebile Gina from South Africa.

Feb 14: **Report from the Diocesan Annual Council**, St. Paul's Parish Representatives

The Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia is January 28-29. Representatives from St Paul's will present and discuss the experience of Annual Council and actions taken there.

## THE SESSIONS

Feb 21 - Mar 28

### **Lenten Series: *Liturgy and Sacred Time*,** Bishop Mark Dyer and Dean Ian Markham

Our Lenten Series explores themes of sacred time, Lenten discipline, baptism, and Easter. The series begins with a discussion of time through the liturgical year then narrows to focus on Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Together we examine how the Lenten season brings us into a deeper awareness of God's love expressed for us in Jesus' death and resurrection.

*Mar 14 is the day of the Annual Parish Meeting. There will be no adult forum on this day.*

*There will be no adult forums on Easter Sunday (Apr 4) or on the Sunday of the Bishop's visit (Apr 11).*

### **Apr 18: Christ in Our Eucharistic Prayers,** Jeff Hensley

This session will compare and contrast how Christ is portrayed by the various Eucharistic prayers in our Prayer Book. Throughout our examination, we will ask if and why we have various images of Christ in our Eucharistic liturgy and whether they are in conflict with or compliment one another.

### **Apr 25: Children in Church, a Family at Prayer,** The Rev. Rosemary Beales

How can we support our children in the worship experience -- and what do they have to teach us? Here are some suggestions, and a place to bring those questions you have!

## THE SESSIONS

May 2: **Liturgy as Material Christianity**, The Rev. Dr. Roger Ferlo

God uses material things like bread, wine, oil, and water to become means of transformation. This session explores how and why our liturgy makes use of everyday things to transmit God's presence.

May 9: **The Daily Office**, The Rev. Oran Warder and the Rev. Ross Kane

Morning and Evening Prayer have been staples of the Anglican tradition since its formation. How does the rhythm of daily prayer make us mindful of God's presence throughout each and every day of our lives?

May 16: **The Prayer Book Turns Thirty: the Development of The Episcopal Church's Liturgy**, The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Pritchard

As we celebrate the 30th year of the 1979 Prayer Book, we examine how our prayer book came about—how it is similar to and different from previous American Prayers Books. This session captures both the historical moment that gave rise to the 1979 BCP as well as its place within the broader Prayer Book tradition.

May 23: **How Liturgy Leads to Healthier Living**, Dean Ian Markham

The liturgy of the Episcopal Church can enable us to cope more effectively with the stresses and strains of modern life. In fact, the whole purpose of the Christian liturgy is to provide us with the resources to enable God to facilitate healthy and authentic living.

## THE PRESENTERS

**The Rev. Canon Hosam Naoum** is Canon at St. George's Cathedral in the Diocese of Jerusalem, serving as acting Dean from 2006-2008. He completed his theological training at the College of the Transfiguration and Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa. This year he is on sabbatical at Virginia Theological Seminary in the Masters in Theological Studies program.

**Gcebile Gina** is an international student at Virginia Theological Seminary. Hailing from South Africa, her studies focus in systematic theology.

**The Right Rev. J. Mark Dyer** is Professor of Theology and Mission at Virginia Theological Seminary. Bishop Dyer has served the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion in innumerable ways, as priest in several parishes and as Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem. He has maintained a rich academic career as a writer, lecturer, and consultant while serving on many Anglican steering committees and at several national church conventions.

**The Very Rev. Dr. Ian Markham** is the Dean and President of the Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). Prior to joining VTS, Dr. Markham served as Dean and Professor of Theology and Ethics at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut. As a theologian and ethicist, Dr. Markham has written numerous publications on Christian theology, religious diversity, worship, and spirituality. He and his family are active members of St. Paul's.

**Jeff Hensley** is managing director of the Hanover Research Council, a consulting firm specializing in helping non-profits with grant development and management services.

**The Rev. Rosemary Beales** is chaplain to the Lower School at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes in Alexandria, a trainer in the Godly Play method of religious education, and a lifelong advocate for children in the Church. Rosemary is a priest associate at St. Paul's, and was our seminarian from 2003 to 2005.

**The Rev. Dr Roger Ferlo** is Professor of Religion and Culture at Virginia Theological Seminary. He has served as priest in a number of parishes, most recently for ten years as rector of the Church of St. Luke in the Fields in New York City. Before his ordination as an Episcopal priest, he taught English at Yale University.

**The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Prichard** is the Arthur Lee Kinsolving Professor of Christianity in America and Instructor in Liturgy at the Virginia Theological Seminary. He has served three parishes in Virginia and is the author of eight books on topics related to church history, theology, and issues affecting the lives of Episcopalians.

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