



# St. Paul's Anglican Church

" Connecting people with God and each other "

Sunday, April 12, 2020: Easter Sunday

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore, let us keep the feast. (1 Corinthians 5:7-8)*



### **Opening Song: Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia  
Sons of men and angels say alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high  
Alleluia  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia  
Where O death is now thy sting, alleluia  
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia  
Where's thy victory boasting grave  
Alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia  
Fought the fight the battle won, alleluia  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia  
Christ hath opened paradise, alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led  
Alleluia  
Following our exalted Head, alleluia  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, alleluia  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies  
Alleluia

### **The Gathering of the Community**

Rev. Myron: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Rev. Myron: May his grace and peace be with you.

**People: May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Rev. Myron: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Rev. Myron: Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

### **The Reading of Scripture**

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

*Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the*

*baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

People:           **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm**

Canticle: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**Refrain:**   
This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever." **Refrain**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed." **Refrain**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. **Refrain**

Open for me the gates of righteousness. I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; all who are righteous may enter." **Refrain**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **Refrain**

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

*So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things*

*that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

Rev. Myron: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Rev. Myron: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

*After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

Rev. Myron: The Gospel of Christ.

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

### **Message from Rev. Myron**

#### **Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed**

Rev. Myron: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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**

Reader: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!" That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: Remembering today those in our St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Cheryl Critchell and her children, Curtis and Dawn; Jim and Karen Egeto; Barb Dixon; and Patti Nicholl as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Hear us, Lord of glory!**

### **Confession of Sin**

Rev. Myron: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

#### *Silent Confession*

Rev. Myron: Most merciful God,

**All: 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 neighbours 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.**

Rev. Myron: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Rev. Myron: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **Offertory Song: The Power of the Cross**

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men  
Torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

This the power of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame, bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross  
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Oh to see the pain written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

*(Chorus)* This the power of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame, bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross

Now the daylight flees  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two

Dead are raised to life  
Finished the victory cry *(To Chorus)*

Oh to see my name  
Written in the wounds  
For through Your suffering I am free  
Death is crushed to death  
Life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love

This the power of the cross  
Son of God slain for us  
What a love, what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

Rev. Myron: God our strength and salvation,

**All: receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Rev. Myron: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Rev. Myron: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Rev. Myron: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Rev. Myron: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All:** *(Sung)* Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Who was, and is, and is to come. Who was, and is, and is to come. Lift up his name with the sound of singing.  
Lift up his name in all the earth. Lift up your voice and give him glory.  
For he is worthy to be praised.  
Lift up his name with the sound of singing.  
Lift up his name in all the earth. Lift up your voice and give him glory.  
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Rev. Myron: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

**All:** **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Rev. Myron: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that



city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Rev. Myron: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All: (Sung) Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Forgive us our sins, Lord, as we forgive. Your kingdom come, your will be done. Your kingdom come, your will be done. Our Father in heaven, give us our bread. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. Your kingdom come, your will be done. Your kingdom come, your will be done on the earth as it is in heaven. Let it be done on the earth. Amen. Amen.**

Rev. Myron: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Rev. Myron: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Rev. Myron: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Rev. Myron: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Communion**

*Please share the gifts of the bread and the wine with those who are gathered with you as Rev. Myron instructs.*

### **Lamb of God**

*(Sung)* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy and grant us thy peace.

### **Prayer After Communion**

Rev. Myron: God of life,

**All: bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Rev. Myron: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

#### **Closing Song: Resurrection Hymn**

See what a morning, gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes  
Tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen  
See God's salvation plan wrought in love  
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man  
For He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping, where is He laid  
As in sorrow she turns  
From the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name  
It's the Master  
The Lord raised to life again  
The voice that spans the years

Speaking life, stirring hope  
Bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father, Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit  
Who clothes faith with certainty  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned  
With power and authority  
And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead, love has won  
Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead

### **The Dismissal**

Rev. Myron: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

### **30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World**

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World begins on April 24. Separate prayer guides for adults and children have been emailed out to the Parish contact list. If you would like to receive the prayer guide and have not already, please email the office. If you prefer a printed version of the adult prayer guide, you can pick one up when St. Paul's is open for prayer.

### **Need a Different Puzzle?**

St. Paul's is introducing a puzzle swap starting this week. Puzzles can be dropped off at St. Paul's on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays from 10:00AM-noon. RJ will wipe down the boxes on Sunday morning and leave the puzzles to sit for 48 hours and then puzzles can be picked up by those looking for a new puzzle on Tuesdays from 10:00AM-noon. If you would like to contribute to this initiative but are unable to come into the office to drop off/pick up, please contact the office and we will arrange for a no-contact pick up/drop off.

### **Prayer Space Available Mon-Thurs and Saturdays from 10AM-Noon**

The Sanctuary and Chapel will be open for prayer from 10:00AM-Noon Monday-Thursday and Saturday (NOT OPEN Fridays and Sundays). Entry will only be available through the Alley Door. If the door is locked, please ring the bell. Please hand sanitize upon entry and keep a distance of at least two metres from other individuals. There should not be more than 15 individuals in the Sanctuary/Chapel at any given time. If that does happen, those exceeding that number should utilize the Hall for prayer to ensure there is never more than 15 in one room at one time.

### **Care and Concern**

Though services have been suspended, we are still the church and our Care and Concern Team is ready to help. If you need groceries delivered, errands run, or other services at this time, please let us know. The church is still operating even if we cannot meet closely together at this time. The Vestry of St. Paul's will be contacting all members of the parish every week during this time. If you do not receive a call from a member of the Vestry in the next week, please respond to this email with your phone number as we may have outdated information for you.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:**

Cheryl Critchell and Curtis and Dawn;  
Jim and Karen Egeto;  
Barb Dixon;  
Patti Nicholl

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Diocese of Caledonia; the Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop. The retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton: Don Aellen (s. Carolyn); Dan Ash (s. Barbara); Aubrey Bell (s. Hilda); Allan Bonertz (s. Marg); Kathy Bowman (s. David Kinloch); Gwen Bright; Penny Bruce; Carol and Ray Canton; Joanne Chambers (s. Don); Richard Conrad; Eileen Conway; Bruce Cowley; Maureen Crerar; Tom Dean (s. Linda). Buyé Diocese, Gatukuza Parish: Pascal Kagenza, Rector. Enoch Cree Nation.

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