



# St. Paul's Anglican Church

" Connecting people with God and each other "

Sunday, July 26, 2020: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

*Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. (John 6:68)*



## ST. PAUL'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

**Welcome!!** During this unique time in history, services will look a bit different than normal and will likely be different for quite a while. We want to care for the whole parish during this time and one way to care for one another is keeping each other safe.

As such, we ask you to follow these guidelines while worshipping with us:

- **Experiencing Cough, Fever, or Other Symptom/s?** Go home immediately and please stay home for fourteen days following the end of your symptoms.
- **Maintain Physical Distance.** At all times, please remain a minimum of six feet (three seat spaces) from all other individuals not part of your family unit. You will find tape on the floor six feet apart in multiple locations to help you maintain this distance. Please also maintain physical distance outside.
- **Listen to the Ushers.** There will be ushers inside and outside to help direct these new procedures. Please heed their direction as they are trying to keep everyone safe and healthy.
- **Sign-In Upon Arrival.** Please sign-in with the designated usher when you arrive onsite. This will help us track who is in attendance just in case we do have to notify the parish if someone tests Covid positive following a service.
- **Sanitize Hands Frequently.** Please sanitize your hands upon entry and before taking communion. You may also sanitize as often as you would like during the service. Please also try to refrain from touching surfaces and your face.
- **Consider Wearing a Mask.** Though we are not requiring parishioners to wear a mask, we do encourage you to wear a mask while onsite. If you do not have a mask, we have masks available in the foyer.
- **Refrain from Singing.** At this time, congregational singing is not allowed by the government of Alberta. Please listen to the lyrics being sung by the leader/s and meditate upon them. You may also hum along to the music as long as your mouth remains closed.
- **Recycle Bulletins.** Please do not leave bulletins in the pews. A recycle bin is available at the exit door. You may also take the bulletin home.
- **Use of Washroom.** The only washroom available at this time is located at the back of the Sanctuary (just North of the Main Entry doors). Please wipe down all surfaces (including toilet and handle, counter, and faucet) following use.
- **Parts of Building Closed.** At this time, the only accessible parts of the building are the Sanctuary, Sanctuary washroom, and alley foyer. All other rooms are closed for use including the main washrooms, hall, basement, and chapel. Please do not access any closed section of the building without permission.

### **Opening Song: *Unchanging***

Great is Your faithfulness  
Great is Your faithfulness  
You never change, You never fail, O God

Who was and is and is to come  
Yeah, we raise up holy hands  
To praise the Holy One  
Who was and is and is to come

True are Your promises  
True are Your promises  
You never change, You never fail, O God

Wide is Your love and grace  
Wide is Your love and grace  
You never change, You never fail, O God  
(*To Chorus*)

(*Chorus*) So we raise up holy hands  
To praise the Holy One

### **Penitential Rite**

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is Kept*

**All: Most merciful God, 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.**

Leader: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **Morning Prayer**

**Leader:** The Lord is our light and our life: O come, let us worship.

**All:** **Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

## **The Reading of Scripture**

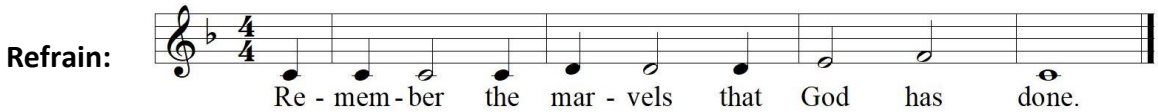
**First Reading:** Genesis 29:15-28

*Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country--giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b



*Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works. **Refrain** Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face. **Refrain***

*Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth, O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. **Refrain***

*He is the Lord our God; his judgements prevail in all the world. He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise he made for a thousand generations: **Refrain***

*The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac, which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel, saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance." Hallelujah! **Refrain***

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

*Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,*

*nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Processional Chorus – Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks**

Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia

Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Give praise to His Name

**The Gospel Reading**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."*

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Worship Through Song**

### ***I Give Thanks***

You have shown me favour unending  
You have given Your life for me  
And my heart knows of Your goodness  
Your blood has covered me

I will arise and give thanks  
To You Lord my God  
And Your name I will bless  
With my whole heart  
You have shown mercy  
You have shown mercy to me  
I give thanks to You Lord

You have poured out  
Your healing upon us  
You have set the captives free  
And we know it's not what we've done  
But by Your hand alone

We will arise and give thanks  
To You Lord our God  
And Your name we will bless  
With our whole hearts  
You have shown mercy  
You have shown mercy to us  
We give thanks to You Lord

### ***Who You Say We Are***

Oh how great is the love  
The Father has lavished on us  
That we should be called  
The children of God  
Oh how great was the cost  
The Father was willing to pay  
So we could be called  
The children of God

*(Chorus)* And all that we can say  
Is thank You, thank You  
And all that we can say  
Is thank You, thank You  
We are Your sons  
We are Your daughters  
Hallelujah, we are who You say we are  
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father  
Hallelujah, we are who You say we are  
Hallelujah, we are who You say we are

Oh how great is Your amazing grace  
That took us as orphans and slaves  
And made us Your heirs  
And gave us Your name  
There's nothing more  
That we could ever do  
You finished it all on the cross  
And rose from the grave  
And brought us with You *(To Chorus)*

## **Listening Time**

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**All:** We believe in God, creator of all that is and all that is to come. In God's house are many rooms, and God prepares a place for us, so that where God is, we may be also. We believe in God; we believe also in Jesus Christ, who is our way, our truth and our life. Through him we have seen God, who lived and worked in him. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives and works in us; so that we may do the works that Jesus does, and even greater works; so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. Alleluia.

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear and have mercy.” We pray for all who confess the name of Christ, including those in the St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer: David, Christine, and Eric Parker; Francis and Jennifer Bossé; Gary and Carol George; and Doreen Sullivan; as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**



Leader: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

**All: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

**All: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

**All: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

**All: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

**All: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

**All: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

**All: Lord, hear and have mercy. Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Leader: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Closing Song: All Praise to Thee (with updated text in 2020)**

In times of sickness, distancing and fear  
Your people cry out  
To the God who's near  
Weeping or singing  
We turn to find you here  
Alleluia, Alleluia

In scattered homes  
One body yet disbursed  
Watching and waiting  
As our sick are nursed  
Holding our nation  
In our prayers immersed  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Finding new ways to worship  
And to care  
Binding together  
God's family everywhere

In homes, on screens  
In church, in open air  
Alleluia, Alleluia

We pray in faith, disciples in the world  
That Christ's life in ours  
May somehow be unfurled  
Proclaiming His love  
By sacrament and word  
Alleluia, Alleluia (*continued next page*)  
And as your saints  
We give you thanks and praise  
In song and silence  
To you our hearts we raise  
Father, Son, Spirit  
We worship you always  
Alleluia, Alleluia

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

## **Job Opportunity: Parish Youth Worker**

As many of you know, Victoria will be leaving us at the end of August. As such, we are searching for a Parish Youth Worker for the Fall. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in the position, please be in contact with the office. Basic details:

**Job Title:** Parish Youth Worker

**Closing date:** July 20, 2020 or until position is filled

**Location:** St. Paul's Anglican Church - Edmonton

**Hours:** A maximum of 10 hours per week

**Date Available:** August 1, 2020. Probationary period of three months.

Salary: \$18-20 per hour (dependent on experience and qualifications) with an increase of \$1 per hour following probationary period.

A full job description and the process for application can be found on our website at  
**[www.stpauls-anglican.ca/pages/job-opportunity](http://www.stpauls-anglican.ca/pages/job-opportunity)**

**This Week's Ministry Teams:**

Music: Andrew and Team  
Service Team: Parker and Heritage  
Reader/Prayers: Rick and Barb M.

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

David, Christine, and Eric Parker;  
Francis and Jennifer Bossé;  
Gary and Carol George;  
Doreen Sullivan

**Next Week's Ministry Teams:**

Music: Jodi and Team  
Service Team: B and Jackson Teams  
Reader/Prayers: Renée J.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

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