

Sunday, January 24, 2021: 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;   
repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mark 1:15)*



**Opening Song: *Sing a New Song Unto the Lord***

(*Chorus*)

Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Let your song be sung

From mountains high  
Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Singing alleluia  
  
Yahweh's people dance for joy  
O come before the Lord  
And play for him on glad tambourines  
And let your trumpet sound (*To Chorus*)  
Rise, O children, from your sleep  
Your Saviour now has come  
He has turned your sorrow to joy  
And filled your soul with song

(*To Chorus*)  
  
Glad my soul for I have seen  
The glory of the Lord  
The trumpet sounds

The dead shall be raised  
I know my Saviour lives (*To Chorus*)

**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: Lord, open our lips,

**All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Leader: The Lord is our refuge and strength: O come, let us worship.

**All: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**The Reading of Scripture**

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

*The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Canticle: Psalm 62:5-12

*Find rest, my soul, in God alone, for my hope comes from Him.*

*In silence wait for God, my soul; and only look to Him.*

*He only is my fortress, rock, and my salvation sure;*

*I’ll not be shaken, for He is my stronghold evermore.*

*For my salvation, honor too, depend on God alone.*

*He is my mighty rock of strength, my refuge—He alone.*

*O people, trust in Him always; at all times, all day long;*

*Pour out your hearts before Him for God is our refuge strong.* Selah

*For lowborn men are but a breath, and highborn men a lie;*

*When on the balance they are weighed, they’re only a breath’s sigh.*

*Trust not in greed, oppression, nor put hope in robbery;*

*If wealth increase, don’t set your heart upon its vanity.*

*One thing God spoke, two things I’ve heard: that You, O God, are strong,*

*And loving, too, Lord—You reward each one as they have done.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

**Processional Chorus – *How Beautiful are the Feet***

*How beautiful are the feet of them*

*That preach the gospel of peace*

*And bring glad tidings*

*Glad tidings of good things*

**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. Mark.

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

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

*Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.*

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Worship Through Song**

***Shake Off Your Sleep***

Shake off your sleep

Rise in His righteousness

Take the shining armour of his light

Day is at hand

And the night is nearly over

So the many deeds

Of darkness lay aside

Wake up from your slumber

Your salvation is nearer

Than the day you believed

Walk now in the daylight

Owing only to love

From the love you received

You will fulfill all He commands you

When you love your neighbour

As yourself

Put on the one

Who renews your mind and spirit

And refuse the fading fashions

Of this world.

Wake up, wake up

Walk in the light  
  
***Lord Have Mercy On Us***  
Lord have mercy on us  
Come and heal our land  
Cleanse with Your fire  
Heal with Your touch  
Humbly we bow and call upon You now  
O Lord have mercy on us  
O Lord have mercy on us

**Listening Time**

**Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Myron Penner – Sermon Notes:**

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**Affirmation of Faith – Christ Accompanies Us**

**All:**  **We believe in God, Creator of all things, heavenly father, Soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power, ruler of all that is and all that is to come, who is mystery, yet revealed. We follow Christ, God’s chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who healed the broken and included the outcast, who chose to suffer rather than harm for the sake of the healing of all Creation, who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life. In his teaching, in his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us in all circumstances, he reveals God to us. He calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God’s grace. We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering. We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us, and guides us and empowers us as servants of God’s grace. We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

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: Kyle, Stephanie, Jae, Beck, and Luka Armstrong; Wendell and Nora James; Dave Lenzi; and Connie Pistawka; 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: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.**

**Congregational Announcements *(Rev. Myron)***

**Youth Video**

**Closing Song: *Sovereign Over Us***

There is strength within the sorrow  
There is beauty in our tears  
And You meet us in our mourning  
With a love that casts out fear

You are working in our waiting  
Sanctifying us  
When beyond our understanding  
You're teaching us to trust  
 (*continued on next page*)

(*Chorus*) Your plans are still to prosper  
You've not forgotten us  
You're with us in the fire and the flood  
Faithful forever, perfect in love  
You are sovereign over us

You are wisdom unimagined  
Who could understand Your ways  
Reigning high above the heavens  
Reaching down in endless grace

You're the lifter of the lowly  
Compassionate and kind  
You surround and You uphold me  
And Your promises are my delight

(*To Chorus*)

Even what the enemy means for evil  
You turn it for our good  
You turn it for our good  
And for Your glory  
Even in the valley You are faithful  
You're working for our good  
You're working for our good  
And for Your glory (*To Chorus*)

**The Dismissal**Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Giving Options**

Many of you have asked how to give while the building is closed for in-person services. The following giving options are available:

* E-transfer: E-transfers may be emailed to office@stpauls-anglican.ca.
* Credit Transaction (one time or monthly): If you would like to set up a one-time or monthly credit gift, please email the office and RJ will send you the correct form.
* Pre-Authorized Debit (one time or monthly): If you would like to set up a one-time or monthly pre-authorized debit giving, please email the office and RJ will send you the correct form.
* Cash or Cheque: Cash can be dropped off at the church. Please check in with RJ or Myron before coming to make sure we are onsite. Cheques can be left in the church mailbox, dropped off during open hours, or mailed to the church office at any time. Please do not leave cash in the mailbox.

**AGM on February 7, 2021 at 12:30PM – Held on Zoom**

St. Paul’s 2021 will be held on February 7 at 12:30PM. Due to unknowns about returning to in-person meetings, the AGM will be held virtually using Zoom. The link to this meeting is below and will also be included in email updates from now until February 7 as well as available as an event on the website.  
  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 835 3928 8757  
Password: 0661230**  
To call in by telephone, please call 1-587-328-1099 and enter the meeting ID and password listed above.  
  
Meeting Protocols:

* Muting: Please remain muted unless called upon to speak. This helps mitigate excess noise.
* Signing-In: Please type your name into the chat upon entry to the meeting to sign in to the meeting. If you are calling in or otherwise unable to use the chat function, we will take a moment to ask you to state your name for the meeting record.
* Questions: Please ask questions using the chat function in Zoom. If you are not able to use the chat, we will give a moment for people to ask questions verbally as well.
* Voting: Voting will be done by using the poll function within Zoom. If you have multiple people calling from a single device, you can indicate additional votes by using the chat function. Again, for those calling in or otherwise unable to use the poll function, we will take a moment to allow you to express your vote verbally.

**No In-Person Services at St. Paul’s until Further Notice**

Following the Government of Alberta declaring a state of public health emergency, along with stricter, mandatory measures to limit the spread of COVID-19, Bishop Jane has made the decision to keep church buildings in the Diocese closed until further notice.We will provide additional information regarding re-opening when it is available.

**Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday – Sign Up to Participate**

* **Shrove Tuesday (February 16):** Please see Michelle’s note in this week’s community corner. Sign up with RJ or Michelle to participate and indicate if you want a package delivered to you or if you just want to join the Zoom.
* **Ash Wednesday (February 17):** At 7:00PM on Ash Wednesday, Rev. Myron will lead a live-stream service. If you would like us to deliver some ashes for you to participate in that ceremony, please let RJ or Michelle know. Of course, all may view the service regardless of having ashes on hand.

**Community Corner for January 24**

**Silly Pancake Supper February 16, 2021** – 5:45-7:15PM: Join us from your dinner table for the art of pancake silliness before we hunker down to the serious business of Lent. Indulge in fun and antics from the comfort of your own home! Please REGISTER with Michelle or RJ by February 9. There are two ways to participate: You can plan and prepare your own supper (no charge to join the party), or order a Pancake Silliness Kit from Michelle for $25 (includes syrup, whip cream, pancake mix, uncooked bacon and decorations). Games and activities will be supplied at no charge! Looking forward to seeing the silly faces you can make on those pancakes.

**What’s up in Grovenor**, the community where our Parish is located? Please read the Grovenor Community League Fall Newsletter:   
<http://www.grovenor.ca/uploads/4/7/2/5/47250293/combinepdf.pdf>   
Stay up to date on what’s going on in your neighbourhood too, by visiting your Community League’s website or the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues <https://efcl.org/>

Interested in **beautifying Grovenor** or your community? Looking forward to the spring, it is worth checking out the initiatives in our city to make it beautiful. Whether you are curious about all the different gardens:  
<https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/landscaping_gardening/front-yards-in-bloom.aspx> or the amazing murals that adorn many of our city’s public spaces (for example, google “Edmonton Mural images”), there are lots of ideas and many people to work with. Let’s connect where we have shared interests – gardening or murals, anyone?

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**2021 Offering Envelopes**

2021 Offering envelopes are available to pick up in the foyer (when the church is open again). If you would like offering envelopes, please contact the office.



**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh: the Rt. Rev. Lydia Mamakwa, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Isaiah Larry Beardy, Suffragan Bishop for the Northern Manitoba Area Mission; the Rev. Morris Fiddler, Suffragan Bishop-elect for Northern Ontario. St. Paul, Leduc: Robyn King (s. Andrew), Rector. Buyé Diocese, Ruyenzi (St. Emmanuel) Parish: Papias Masengesho, Rector. All First Nations people of Treaty 6.

**Next Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music: Andrew and Team

Service Team: None

Reader/Prayers: Andrew and Team

**This Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music: Jodi and Team

Service Team: None

Reader/Prayers: Jodi’s Team

**St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer:**

Kyle, Stephanie, Jae, Beck,   
and Luka Armstrong;

Wendell and Nora James;

Dave Lenzi;

Connie Pistawka

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Carol Rudat, *Vestry Member*

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