

Sunday, March 21, 2021: 5th Sunday in Lent

*Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord,   
and where I am, there shall my servant be also. (John 12:26)*



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 worshiping with us:

* **Experiencing Cough, Fever, or Other Symptom/s?** Go home immediately andplease stay home for fourteen days following the end of your symptoms.
* **Wear a Mask.** All parishioners must wear a mask to all services (as per City of Edmonton bylaw 19408). Exceptions to this include children under the age of two and those with a medical condition where wearing a mask is not possible. Masks may be removed when taking communion but must be replaced immediately following. If you do not have a mask, we have cloth masks available in the foyer.
* **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.
* **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: *Sing for You***

Come, let us sing for joy  
Come, let us shout aloud  
To the Rock of our salvation  
Come, let us sing  
Come, with a thankful heart  
Into His presence now  
To make a joyful noise to Him  
Come, let us sing

In His hands He holds creation  
Highest mountains, deepest seas  
And on His hands He bears the scars  
Of His great love for you and me

(*Chorus*) For everything You are

For everything You've done  
We sing for You, we sing for You  
With every breath of life

You're breathing into us  
We sing for You, we sing for You  
The glory of Your grace

The wonders of Your love  
A million songs of praise

Will never be enough  
Forever and forever, we sing for You

So we come now to give You praise  
With how we love and how we obey  
We want our lives to be a song  
We sing for You

We sing with the saints and angels  
Gathered now before Your throne  
As we sing holy, holy, holy  
You are God and God alone (*To Chorus*)

Reigning and returning King  
Sovereign over everything  
Heaven and creation ring  
With Your song (*To Chorus*)

**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 full of compassion and mercy: 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Canticle: Psalm 51:1-13

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \**

*in your great compassion blot out my offenses.*

*Wash me through and through from my wickedness \**

*and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I know my transgressions, \**

*and my sin is ever before me.*

*Against you only have I sinned \**

*and done what is evil in your sight.*

*And so you are justified when you speak \**

*and upright in your judgement.*

*Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \**

*a sinner from my mother’s womb.*

*For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \**

*and will make me understand wisdom secretly.*

*Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \**

*wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.*

*Make me hear of joy and gladness, \**

*that the body you have broken may rejoice.*

*Hide your face from my sins \**

*and blot out all my iniquities.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, \**

*and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from your presence \**

*and take not your holy Spirit from me.*

*Give me the joy of your saving help again \**

*and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.*

*Prayer: Almighty God, 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.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

*So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

**Processional Chorus – *Majesty***

Majesty, majesty  
Your grace has found me just as I am  
Empty handed but alive in Your hands  
Majesty, majesty  
Forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your majesty

**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. John.

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

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

*Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.*

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Worship Through Song**

***Majesty***

Here I am, humbled by Your majesty  
Covered by Your grace so free  
Here I am, knowing I'm a sinful man  
Covered by the blood of the Lamb

(*Pre-Chorus*) Now I've found

The greatest love of all is mine  
Since You laid down Your life  
The greatest sacrifice

(*Chorus*) Majesty, majesty  
Your grace has found me just as I am  
Empty handed but alive in Your hands

(sing 2nd time only) Majesty, majesty  
Forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your majesty

Here I am

Humbled by the love that You give  
Forgiven so that I can forgive  
Here I stand

Knowing that I'm Your desire  
Sanctified by glory and fire

(*To Pre-Chorus*)

***Hallelujah, You Are Good***

We are standing in-between  
Hope and despair  
Believing in Your grace  
And the faith to declare

You are with us, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, You are good

In the ashes and the dust  
The sorrow and pain  
Lies the promise of Your word  
And the power of Your name

And when faith gives way to fear  
I will trust Your heart

I will trust Your heart  
When I cannot feel You near  
I will trust Your heart

I will trust Your heart

There's a message being written  
With the morning sun  
And a new song for the broken  
Death has lost, love has won

You are with us, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, You are good  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, You are good

Hallelujah (I have tasted)  
Hallelujah (I have seen it)  
Hallelujah You are good  
Hallelujah (I remember)  
Hallelujah (I believe it)  
Hallelujah You are good

**Listening Time**

**Sermon by David Heritage – Sermon Notes:**

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**Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed**

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Leader: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.” For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Remembering today those in our St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer: Cara

Roemmich and Jasper, Keziah, Sebastian, and Callie; Jim and Karen Egeto; Asher and Lauren Hébert; and Jason and Jennifer Spoor; as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

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

**The Collect**

Leader: Most merciful God, be the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him 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 *(David Heritage)***

**Closing Song: *Ancient of Days***

Though the nations rage

Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him

All of time in His hands  
For His throne

It shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night

Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O His love is sure

And He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

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(*Chorus*) None above Him

None before Him

All of time in His hands  
For His throne

It shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though I may not see

What the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king  
Then my joy complete  
Standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

(*To Chorus*)

**The Dismissal**Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

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

**Eucharist for Those Unable to Attend In-Person Services**

For individuals who are immunocompromised or otherwise unable to attend Sunday morning services with others in the building, we will offer a eucharist time following the weekly service (at 11:30AM). If you would like to come for this individual eucharist, please contact the office.

**March Missionaries of the Month: Don and Sandi Howell**

Don and Sandi Howell have provided us a short video update about their ministry with OMF. Please check it out on our website by visiting the Blog section and clicking on the “March Missionary of the Month” blog post. The video has also been posted on the St. Paul’s YouTube channel.

**In-Person Sunday Services – Pre-Registration Required**

**WEEKLY PRE-REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED** for those attending in-person services as we can only have a maximum of 40 people in the church. Starting on Tuesday every week, pre-registration will open for the Sunday service and will close at noon on Friday. The link to pre-register will be sent by email and posted on the News section of the website on Tuesday morning of each week.



**Holy Week Services**

* Monday, March 29, 7:00PM: Monday Evening Prayer – Live Stream Only
* Tuesday, March 30, 7:00PM: Tuesday Evening Prayer – Live Stream Only
* Wednesday, March 31, 7:00PM: Wednesday Evening Prayer – Live Stream Only
* Thursday, April 1, 7:00PM: Maundy Thursday – In-Person and Live Stream Service – Pre-Registration Required for In-Person Attendance *(due to Covid-19 restrictions, this service will not include supper or foot-washing)*
* Friday, April 2, 12:00PM (noon): Good Friday – In-Person and Live Stream Service – Pre-Registration Required for In-Person Attendance
* Saturday, April 3, 11:00AM-3:00PM (for one hour within that period). – In-Person Only – Pre-Registration required for a one-hour block.

Pre-Registration information for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday will be provided next week along with the registration link for Palm Sunday. More information regarding Easter Sunday will also be sent at that time.

**Community Corner for March 21**

Registration for the church retreat begins March 29, 2021. The brochure for our retreat will be sent out next week. Michelle has received great feedback about things to consider and a big emphasis has been made clear – help us get together! We are working hard to create a retreat that helps you breathe deep and connect with others. Our retreat theme centers around the first line of our statement of identity: “We love to be together, persevere, and practice the ways of Jesus.”

Michelle needs your help! She is looking for your participation in creating reflective stations for Holy Saturday. This day of the liturgical calendar offers a unique opportunity to engage our doubts, lost faith, and grief. It gives space to consider whether or not God is active in the times when, to our eyes and hearts, it seems that God is not and we doubt everything. If you are able to help and would like to engage with Easter in a different way, please contact Michelle ([michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca](mailto:michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca))

One of our parishioners, Margaret Ushko, has created a sweet Easter   
 Crafter Kit for $8 each (picture shown here of the finished kit). Orders   
 can be placed through Michelle until March 26.



**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Diocese of Qu’Appelle: the **Rt. Rev. Robert Hardwick, Bishop.** St. Augustine Parkland, Spruce Grove: Billy Isenor (s. Dana), Rector; Lesley Hand (s. Charles), John Rushton (s. Elizabeth), Honorary Assistants. Gahengeri Indigenous community in Buyé Diocese: Jean De Dieu Nzobarinda. Kehewin Cree Nation.

**Next Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music: Jodi and Team

Service Team: Green and Tilburn Teams

Reader/Prayers: Carol R.

**This Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music: Andrew and Team

Service Team: B and Jackson Teams

Reader/Prayers: Renée J.

**St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer:**

Cara Roemmich and Jasper, Keziah, Sebastian, and Callie;

Jim and Karen Egeto;

Asher and Lauren Hébert;

Jason and Jennifer Spoor

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