



St. Paul's Anglican Church

" Connecting people with God and each other "

Sunday, April 18, 2021: 3rd Sunday of Easter

*Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts
burn within us while you speak. (Luke 24:32)*



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.
- **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: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
Serve him with joy his praises tell
Come now before him and rejoice

O enter then his gates with joy
Within his courts his praise proclaim
Let thankful songs your tongues employ
O bless and magnify his name

Know that the Lord is God indeed
He formed us all without our aid
We are the flock he comes to feed
The sheep who by his hand were made

Because the Lord our God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His faithfulness at all times stood
And shall from age to age endure
(*To Chorus*)

(*Chorus*) O let the earth rejoice
Lift up your voice
And magnify his holy name
O let the earth rejoice
Lift up your voice
And magnify his holy name

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Reading of Scripture

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Psalm 4

*Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; **

you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

*"You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; **

how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

*Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; **

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

*Tremble, then, and do not sin; **

speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

*Offer the appointed sacrifices **

and put your trust in the Lord.

*Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" **

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

*You have put gladness in my heart, **

more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

*I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; **

for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Prayer: Faithful defender, do not let our hearts be troubled, but fill us with such confidence and joy that we may sleep in peace and rise in your light; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:7-11, 15-17, 28-3:7

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness. Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever. And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of him. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Processional Chorus – 10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The Gospel Reading

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Through Song

10,000 Reasons

(Chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up

It's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me

Let me be singing

When the evening comes *(To Chorus)*

You're rich in love

And You're slow to anger

Your name is great

And Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness

I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons

For my heart to find *(To Next Page)*

(Chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul
Will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore *(To Chorus)*

Highest Price

Prince of Heaven, King of all
He descended from His throne
Into the world this Son of God
Was born in my frame

He bore the cross, despised the shame
Clothed in sin, His robe was stained
And by His blood now I am free
Now I am saved

(Chorus)

For my Jesus paid the highest price
The Lamb of God was crucified
And He deserves my love
He deserves my life
For Jesus paid the highest price

All of Heaven held its breath
And creation mourned His death
But then Jesus rose
And now that He lives
I am alive

And there's no greater sacrifice
Lord I'm laying down my life
I surrender all (repeat) *(To Chorus)*

Listening Time

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

Sermon Notes (continued):

Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: 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

Leader: 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!

Leader: Remembering today those in our St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Kyle, Stephanie, Jae, Beck, and Luka Armstrong; Laurier and Margot Byer; Rick and Barb Mickelson; and Connie Pistawka; 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!

Leader: 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!

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

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: 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!

Leader: 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!

Leader: 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! Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Most holy and merciful Father,

All: we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. O God, uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

All: that we may show forth your glory to the world.

Celebrant: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

All: bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Creator of all,

All: you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: 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: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: 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;

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Please listen carefully to the verbal instructions given. You are welcome to receive communion or come forward for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please sanitize your hands as you approach the front of the church. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest. If you would like to make an offering, please do so after you take the bread.

Lamb of God

(Said by congregation) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

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

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Communion Music

The River

To the river I am going

Bringing sins I cannot bear

Come and cleanse me, come forgive me

Lord, I need to meet You there

In these waters healing mercy

Flows with freedom from despair

I am going to that river

Lord, I need to meet You there

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(Chorus) Precious Jesus, I am ready
To surrender every care
Take my hand now, lead me closer
Lord, I need to meet You there

Jesus longs to meet you there
He is calling, He is waiting
Jesus longs to meet you there
(To Chorus)

Come and join us in the river
Come find life beyond compare
He is calling, He is waiting

Take my hand now lead me closer
Lord, I need to meet You there

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Author of life divine,

All: in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: 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

Congregational Announcements (Rev. Myron)

Closing Song: *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom
And Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord

Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys
Bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

In-Person Sunday Services – Pre-Registration Required

WEEKLY PRE-REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED for those attending in-person services. The pre-registration link for the Sunday service will be made available on Tuesday (by email and the website) of each week and will close at noon on Friday. For individuals who are immunocompromised or otherwise unable to attend services, you may contact the office to set up an individual time to take the eucharist.

Community Corner for April 18

St. Paul's Church Retreat runs April 22-25 and registration closes Monday April 19! Please register using the link in the weekly email. Take some time for yourself in the midst of the city. You will receive many resources for making the retreat uniquely yours, and there's time for building our church community too! Questions? Email Michelle at michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca

Looking for some humour? I recently discovered Dry Bar Comedy, a comedy channel where the material aims to be family-friendly. I stumbled on this when looking into an event featuring Canadian comedian Leland Klassen.

Visit <https://www.drybarcomedy.com/> or check out their YouTube Channel!

Pandemic Support Group – Michelle will be hosting an adult support group at St Paul's on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm starting April 29, 2021. This group is meeting to support members through some of the emotional and social challenges encountered during the pandemic. It is a peer support group, and, as such, does not promote itself as a therapeutic or counselling group. We gather IN PERSON to listen to one another and offer encouragement. Support groups are still permitted to meet in person, per provincial guidelines and restrictions. Weekly pre-registration is required and will open April 23. Group participation guidelines will be sent out upon registration.

Thank You to Laura Rogers

A big **THANK-YOU** to Laura Rogers who crafted and sent out Easter cards to our St. Paul's community. Laura also coordinates the Hands-to-Hearts Ministry which provides handmade cards available in the entrance foyer at the church. If you need a card to encourage or celebrate someone in your life, please help yourself.

Thank You to Tidying/Moving Volunteers

Thank you to all who helped move and tidy things at St. Paul's over the last few weeks. So many people helped that we had to cancel our final date as there was nothing left to do!! Thanks again to Andrew, Connie, Janette, RJ, Margot, Barb M., Wendell, Deanna, Jim, Gary, Carol G., and Terry!!

Focus on Missions – April Blog

Focus on Missions has submitted a blog post written by Renée Jackson talking about Ratanak and the work they are doing to rescue children from human trafficking. Please check it out by visiting the St. Paul's website, click on "Blog" and then click on the Missions Connections Blog for April.

Wholeness Through Christ Prayer Ministry Course

WTC is offering their first ever fully virtual prayer ministry course May 25-30, 2021. Spaces are limited so if you are interested, you should register soon. Cost for this course is \$250.00. Application to register can be found at the bottom of this page: <http://www.wholenessthroughchrist.com/index.php/about/our-events>. Or, you can email Administrator@wholenessthroughchrist.com for more information.

Bishop Jane's Farewell Service

A virtual Farewell Service for Bishop Jane's episcopal leadership will be held on Saturday, April 17, at 3:00PM. To view, visit All Saints' Edmonton's Youtube Channel.

Notice of Electoral Synod

Notice is hereby given that the 67th meeting of Synod, to elect the 11th Bishop of Edmonton, will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 10:00AM. More details to come.

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music: Adele and Team
Service Team: Green and Tilburn Teams
Reader/Prayers: Carol R.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

Kyle, Stephanie, Jae, Beck,
and Luka Armstrong;
Laurier and Margot Byer;
Rick and Barb Mickelson;
Connie Pistawka

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Saskatoon: the Rt. Rev. Chris Harper, Bishop. St. Philip, Westlock: Peter Yeung (s. Helena), Rector. The clergy of Buyé diocese in further education: Dominique Ciza and Simion Kinono who are studying in Tennessee. Saddle Lake Cree Nation.

Next Week's Ministry Teams:

Music: Andrew and Team
Service Team: Parker and Heritage Teams
Reader/Prayers: Andrew and Nancy

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