

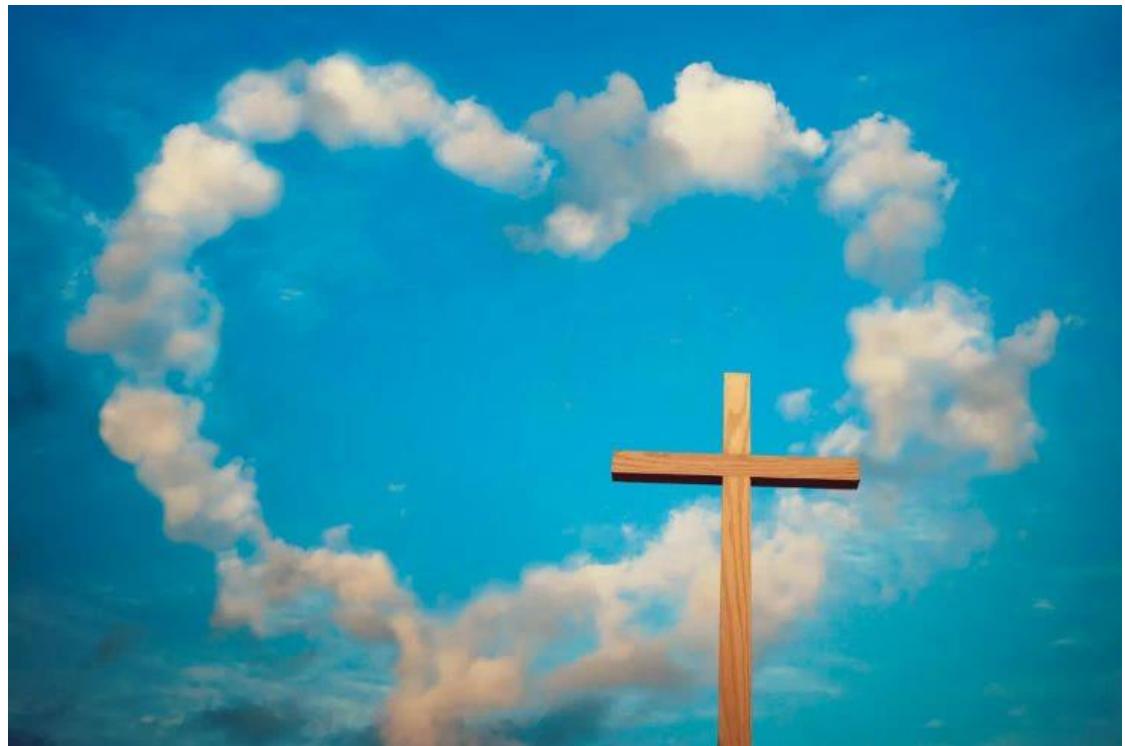


St. Paul's Anglican Church

"Connecting people with God and each other"

Sunday, May 9, 2021: 6th Sunday of Easter

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. (John 14:23)



Opening Song: *The River Is Here*

Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here

(Chorus) The river of God
Sets our feet to dancing
The river of God
Fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God
Fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

The river of God is teeming with life
And all who touch it can be revived
And all who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting
For more of the Lord (To Chorus)

Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord
Along the banks of the river we run
We dance with laughter
Giving praise to the Son (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 forever. Amen. Alleluia!

Leader: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship.

All: Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast. Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia! Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

The Reading of Scripture

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Psalm 98

*Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvellous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.*

*He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

*Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.*

*Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.*

*With trumpets and the sound of the horn **
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

*Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.*

*Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.*

*In righteousness shall he judge the world **
and the peoples with equity.

Prayer: Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Processional Chorus – I Will Sing

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever

I will sing of the Lord's great love

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever

I will sing, oh, I will sing

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. John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Through Song

I Will Sing

With my mouth

I will tell of Your faithfulness

I'll declare, Lord

Your covenant with my life

Oh, Lord God Almighty, who is like You
Oh, Lord God Almighty, none beside You
Oh, Lord God Almighty
All the earth and sky belong to You
(To Chorus)

(Chorus)

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever

I will sing of the Lord's great love

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever

I will sing, oh, I will sing

Lord You are the glory of all our strength

Your presence along the way

For all our days (To Chorus)

Good, Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

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(Chorus) You're a Good, Good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You, it's who I am
It's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching
For answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word (*To Chorus*)

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love (*To Chorus*)

Listening Time

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

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: Cara Roemmich and Jasper, Keziah, Sebastian, and Callie; RJ and Janette Chambers; Michael Doku; and Karen Jaresh; 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.**

The Collect

Leader: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you, riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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.**

Blessing

Congregational Announcements (Rev. Myron)

Closing Song: What a Friend

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged

Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrow share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

O what a friend we've found
What a friend we've found
What a friend we've found in You
O what a friend we've found
What a friend we've found
What a friend we've found in You

The Dismissal

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

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

No In-Person Sunday Service Options - Live Stream Only

Due to recently announced Covid restrictions within the province of Alberta (announced May 4), St. Paul's will be moving back to Live Streamed only services starting May 9 for a period of at least three weeks. This means that for at least the next three weeks, only Rev. Myron and the music/tech team will be able to come to St. Paul's in person. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

All St. Paul's Staff Working From Home

Due to recently announced Covid restrictions within the province of Alberta (announced May 4), St. Paul's staff have moved back to working from home as much as possible. If you need to come by the office, please set up an appointment with Myron, Michelle, or RJ.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers!!

Community Corner for May 9

Our **Pandemic Support Group** is moving online! We start Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 7-8:30 pm. It is a **peer support group**, and, as such, does not promote itself as a therapeutic or counselling group. We gather to listen to one another and offer support and encouragement, with Michelle Schurek facilitating. Weekly pre-registration is requested but not required. Please register using the link in the most recent update email. Group participation guidelines will be sent out upon registration and will be reviewed at the beginning of each group. Join us at 7pm on the 13th using the link in the most recent update email.

Games night is back - Join us online on *the second Friday of each month* for our **Games & Puzzles Social!** Check in between 7-8 pm. We will continue using SpatialChat for our online platform. Just visit <https://spatial.chat/s/StPaulsCoffeeRoom> to join our St. Paul's Online Rec Room where you'll find us ready to chat, game, and puzzle the evening away. Our first Games and Puzzles Social is Friday, May 14 at 7:00PM.

Crazy for Chess? David Parker is hosting a **St. Paul's Chess Tournament** for all parishioners *in the month of June*. If you need to learn or brush up on your skills, David is available to coach you online in May. Whether you are interested in learning, the tournament, or both, contact David (text 780-231-1987 or email dcparkermct@hotmail.com).

St. Paul's Special Congregational Meeting Update

Thank you to all who attended our Special Congregational Meeting on Tuesday. The minutes are attached to this week's update email and include a first draft of the plans (with a couple of edits RJ has thrown in based on the conversation during the meeting). In short, the congregation has voted to proceed with the Kitchen Renovation Project.

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.

St. Paul's Accepting Gently Used or New Board Games and Puzzles

To be prepared for the eventual ease in gathering restrictions, St. Paul's is starting to collect board games and puzzles to have on hand for future games/activity nights. If you have board games or puzzles you would like to donate to this collection, please drop them by St. Paul's anytime we are open over the next couple of months.

We are only accepting items that are gently used (or new) and have all of their pieces and instructions. Any items donated that do not achieve this standard will be discarded. Puzzles left over (with all of their pieces) from the puzzle exchange will be moved to this new collection as well (and puzzles missing pieces will be recycled).

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.

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music: Adele and Team

Service Team: None

Reader/Prayers: Adele and Team

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

Cara Roemmich and Jasper, Keziah, Sebastian, and Callie; RJ and Janette Chambers; Michael Doku; Karen Jaresh

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Western Newfoundland: the Rt. Rev. John Organ, Bishop. The Diocese of Edmonton Cursillo Secretariat. Buyé Diocese, Vumbi Parish: Jean Baptiste Muhigirwa, Rector. All First Nations people of Treaty 6.

Next Week's Ministry Teams:

Music: Jodi and Team

Service Team: None

Reader/Prayers: Jodi and Team

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