

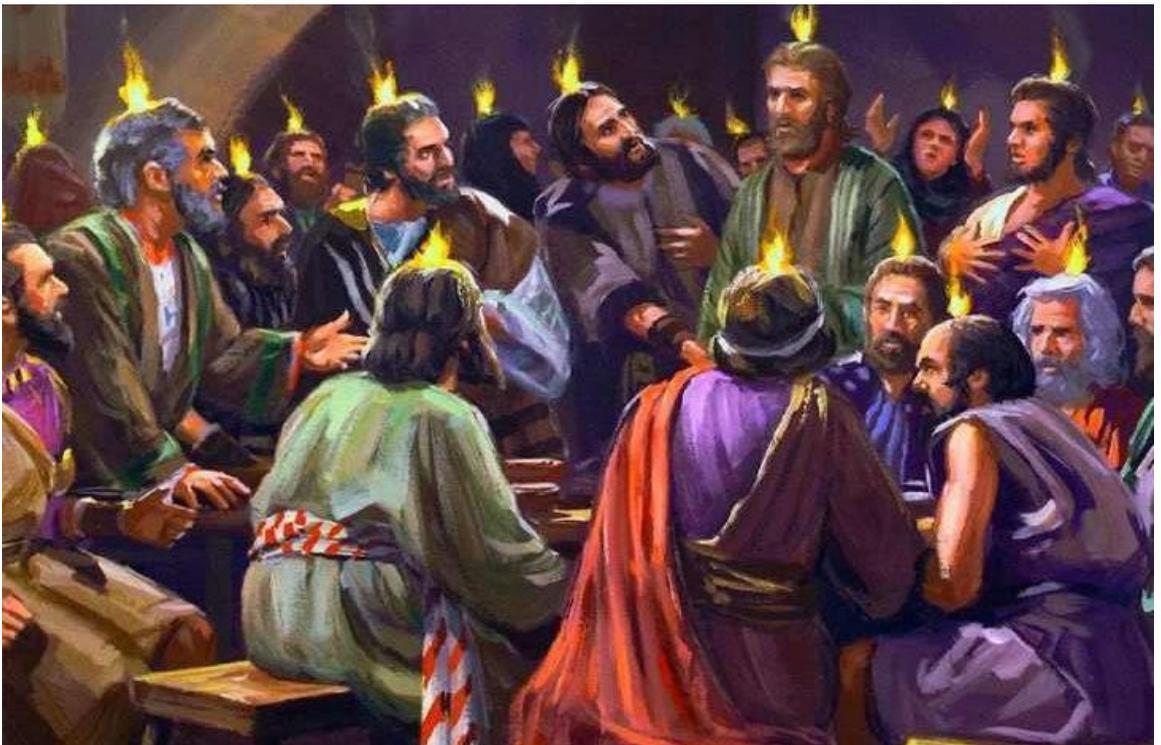


St. Paul's Anglican Church

" Connecting people with God and each other "

Sunday, May 23, 2021: Pentecost Sunday

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us
the fire of your love.*



Opening Song: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart
And make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit, come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude

Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church
To hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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: Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: O come, let us worship.

All: **I will take you from the nations, and gather you from every country, and bring you home to your own land. I will pour clean water upon you, purify you from all defilement, and cleanse you from all your idols. A new heart I will give you, and put a new spirit within you; I will take from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, make you walk in my ways and observe my decrees. You shall dwell in the land I gave to your forebears; you shall be my people and I will be your God.**

The Reading of Scripture

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works – who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Processional Chorus – Breathe on Me Breath of God

Breathe on me breath of God
Fill me with life anew

That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do

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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Through Song

Breathe on Me Breath of God

Breathe on me breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine

Something Happens

Something happens to me
When I bow down to worship You
So I'll worship You Lord
Whenever I can

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I will fall to my knees
Though the world doesn't worship You
I will love You
With everything that I am

(Chorus) Oh my Lord, oh my God
What an honour to love one
As high as You
I'm restored, I am transformed
By the strength of Your love
Oh Lord, oh my God
I am changed by Your love
As I worship You
There is life, there is hope
In the light of Your love

Nothing else can compare
With the joy when I worship You
Nothing else that is made
By the hand of a man
So I'll bow down again

And my Lord, I will worship You
I will love You
With everything that I am
(To Chorus)

Breathe on Me
Breathe on me Breath of God
Love and life that makes me free
Breathe on me Breath of God
Fan the flame within me

(Chorus) Teach my heart, heal my soul
Speak the mind that in Christ we know
Take me to Your sanctuary
Breathe on me

Speak to me voice of God
Soft and still inside my heart
Speak to me word to God
Comfort, heal, restore with love
(To Chorus)

Listening Time

Sermon by Alison Hurlburt– Sermon Notes:

Sermon Notes (continued):

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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: Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying, “Come, Holy Spirit, come.”
Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor, and touch our lips that we may proclaim your word.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness. Remembering today those in our St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer: David, Christine, and Eric Parker; Marcel and Terry Berard; Gary and Carol George; and David Lenzi; as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

The Collect

Leader: Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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.

Blessing

Congregational Announcements (Rev. Myron)

Closing Song: Hymn of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, guide my vision
Help me see the way You see
Always Jesus, ever Jesus
Christ in all as Christ in me

Holy Spirit, guide my speaking
Words of grace and truth abound
Let my lips be filled with stories
Of the mercy that I've found
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(Chorus) You're the light, You're my path
You're the Shepherd of my soul
All I am, all I have
Holy Spirit lead me on

Holy Spirit, guide my hearing
Wake my ears to words You speak
In the thunder, in the stillness

Let Your voice be clear to me
Let Your voice be clear to me

Holy Spirit, lead me onward
Walking through the great unknown
Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging
Till the day You lead me home
(To Chorus)

The Dismissal

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

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. This means that for at least the next week (or longer), 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.

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.

Community Corner for May 23

Guess Who's Coming to Visit! Inspired by the movie "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?", I am organizing a fun event for Sunday, June 6. Are you willing to host a parish member (or two) for a visit in your yard or near your home? Perhaps you are interested in being a guest? To sign up for an outdoor visit with another member of the congregation on Sunday, June 6 from 1:30-2:30pm, please use the link in the most recent email update to register. Groups will be limited to 5 people (or 2 households). Registration closes Monday, May 31.

Did you know that our **Edmonton Public Library offers outreach services** through the downtown branch? Ten years ago, EPL partnered with Boyle Street Community Services as many of the visitors to the Stanley Milner Library needed assistance with basic necessities. Visit <https://www.epl.ca/milner-library/outreach/> for a description of the services they provide.

New Reach Fund Grant: We are excited to launch a new grant program available to St. Paul's parishioners who are directly involved with some of Edmonton's non-profits. This new initiative will be unveiled in June, so watch the Community Corner for more details!

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).

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: Andrew and Team

Service Team: None

Reader/Prayers: Andrew and Team

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

David, Christine, and Eric Parker;

Marcel and Terry Berard;

Gary and Carol George;

David Lenzi

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, the Most Rev. Mark MacDonald. Educational Chaplaincy: Heather Liddell; Environmental Chaplaincy. Buyé Diocese, Kibonde Parish: Serges Rwasa, Rector. Alexander First Nation.

Next Week's Ministry Teams:

Music: Asher and Team

Service Team: None

Reader/Prayers: Asher and Team

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