

Sunday, August 15, 2021: 12th Sunday After Pentecost

*Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me   
and I in them, says the Lord. (John 6:56)*



ST. PAUL’S COVID-19 RESPONSE

**Welcome!!** During this unique time in history, services will look a bit different than normal. 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.
* **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.
* **Wear a Mask When Singing.** As per the Diocese of Edmonton, masks must be worn while singing but may be removed at other times. Of course, you are welcome to remain masked throughout the service.
* **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.
* **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.
* **Recycle Bulletins.** Please do not leave bulletins in the pews. A recycle bin is available at each exit. You may also take the bulletin home.

**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*)

**The Gathering of the Community**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

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: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People:** **Amen**.

**The Reading of Scripture**

First Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

*Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."*  
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Canticle: Psalm 111

**A**ll praise I’ll give with all my heart,  
**B**ring thanks to God and sing.  
**C**ome, gather all you upright ones,  
**D**elight—the Lord is King!

**E**njoy the great works of the Lord;  
**F**ail not to see, adore.  
**G**reat and majestic are His deeds;  
**H**is righteousness endures.

**I**n all my mem’ry He has placed  
**J**ust acts and wondrous deeds.  
**K**now that the Lord’s compassionate;  
**L**ove and kind grace is He.

**M**ercy He gives to those who fear,  
**N**o food they lack or need.  
**O** He remembers covenant,  
**P**rovides eternally.

**Q**uickly He shows His mighty power;  
**R**ewards with gifts of land.  
**S**hows us His just and faithful works;  
**T**rustworthy, His law stands.

**U**pright and steadfast are His ways;  
**V**ibrant in faithfulness.  
**W**ell has He saved His cov’nant ones—  
e**X**tol His holiness!

**Y**ou will find wisdom when you seek  
 the fear of God the Lord.  
**Z**ealously follow His commands—  
 praise to Him evermore!

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

*Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts. giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Processional – *The Lord is My Salvation***

The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation

**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 6:51-58

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Worship Through Song**

***The Lord is My Salvation***

I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me

Scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation

(*Chorus*) Who is like the Lord our God  
Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won  
The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He flowers each promise of His Word  
When winter fades

I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need  
When I know loss, when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days  
The Lord is my salvation (*To Chorus*)

And when I reach the final day  
He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise, He will call me home  
The Lord is my salvation (*To Chorus*)

***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

(*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 the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone

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O His love is sure  
And He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

(*To Chorus*)

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*)

**Listening Time**

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

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**Affirmation of Faith – Christ Accompanies Us**

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

**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: Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, “Lord hear our prayer.”

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Remembering today from the St. Paul’s Cycle of prayer: Andrew, Nancy, Greg, Tim, and Emily Whistance-Smith; Chuck and Kjeryn Allard; Cheryl Critchell; and Patti Nicholl; as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer. 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:Have mercy upon us,

**All: most merciful Father; in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so 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: 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.**

**Offertory Song: *I Give Thanks***

You have shown me favour unending  
You have given Your life for me  
And my heart knows of Your goodness  
Your blood has covered me

I will arise and give thanks  
To You Lord my God  
And Your name I will bless

With my whole heart  
You have shown mercy  
You have shown mercy to me  
I give thanks to You Lord

You have poured out

Your healing upon us  
You have set the captives free  
And we know it's not what we've done  
But by Your hand alone

(*Chorus*) We will arise and give thanks  
To You Lord our God  
And Your name we will bless  
With our whole hearts  
You have shown mercy  
You have shown mercy to us  
We give thanks to You Lord

You, O Lord, are the healer of our soul  
You, O Lord, are the gracious Redeemer  
You come to restore us again  
Yes, You come to restore us again  
And again (*To Chorus*)

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

Celebrant: Loving God and Father,

**All: you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All:** ***(Sung)*** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.   
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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.” In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.” Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All: *(Sung)* 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: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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**

*(Sung)* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy and grant us thy peace.

**Communion Music**

***Jesus Messiah***

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become

His righteousness  
He humbled Himself

And carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

(*Chorus*) Jesus Messiah

Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled

And the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

(*To Chorus*)

All our hope is in You

All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world (*To Chorus*)

***Lord, You Have My Heart***

Lord, You have my heart  
And I will search for Yours  
Jesus, take my life and lead me on  
Lord, You have my heart  
And I will search for Yours  
Let me be to You a sacrifice

And I will praise You Lord  
And I will sing of love come down  
And as You show Your face  
We'll see Your glory here

**Prayer After Communion**

Celebrant: Eternal God,

**All: we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, 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**

**Closing Song: *Across the Lands***

You're the Word of God the Father  
From before the world began  
Every star and every planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice  
Let the skies declare Your glory  
Let the land and seas rejoice

(*Chorus*) You're the author of creation  
You're the Lord of every man  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands

Yet You left the gaze of angels  
Came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross  
With a prayer You fed the hungry  
With a word You stilled the sea  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free (*To Chorus*)

With a shout You rose victorious  
Wresting victory from the grave  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home

(*To Chorus*)

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

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

**Community Corner for August 15**

Our **2021 Fall Kickoff**is coming up very soon, and it is going to be a party! We are extremely excited to be hosting the Fall Kickoff on September 12th, and you are in for a treat. This year, we will be hosting an incredible service full of music, art, Eucharist, engagement and fellowship, with activities, games, and food to follow. This is a service you do not want to miss – so be sure to invite your family, friends, and other parishioners as we celebrate together.

Please join us this Wednesday, August 18 for **Popsicles on the Patio**. Come enjoy a frozen treat and have a visit with our Grovenor neighbours at 6pm. See you there!

Our **municipal election** is happening October 18, 2021! To learn more about the changes in ward boundaries and names, who is running in your ward and for mayor, and how to work the election, please visit https://www.edmonton.ca/city\_government/edmonton-elections.

**St. Paul’s is Recruiting Service Team Volunteers!!**

If you are not currently part of a service team at St. Paul’s, it is a great way to get involved and get to know people. The service team members read the readings, take the offering, serve as greeters, and help with coffee cleanup the weeks they are scheduled. We would love to add a person or two to a couple of the teams as we enter the new school year so if you would like to get involved in this way, please contact the office or talk to RJ any time you see him.

**Reach Grant**

**New REACH Fund Grant** – For more information about the grant and to apply, please visit the link in the Community Corner in this week’s email. You can also contact Michelle directly at [michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca](mailto:michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca)

**RJ Away August 14-22**

RJ will be away from the office and not checking email all of this week. If you have an urgent request that must be dealt with in the interim, please contact Rev. Myron or Michelle.



**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Diocese of Edmonton. All lay people in parishes throughout the Diocese of Edmonton and all their various ministries. Buyé Diocese, Kabanga Parish: Lazar Rudende, Rector. Whitefish Lake First Nation.

**Next Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music: Asher 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:**

Andrew, Nancy, Greg, Tim,

and Emily Whistance-Smith;

Chuck and Kjeryn Allard;

Cheryl Critchell;

Patti Nicholl

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**For pastoral emergencies call:**

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Paul Dowie, *Rector’s Warden*

Margot Byer, *People’s Warden*

David Heritage, *Treasurer*

Barb Dixon, *Vestry Member*

John Green, *Vestry Member*

David Parker, *Vestry Member*

Connie Pistawka, *Vestry Member*

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