



St. Paul's Anglican Church

" Connecting people with God and each other "

Sunday, August 29, 2021: 14th Sunday After Pentecost

The Father brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. (James 1:18)



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 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.
- **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: All Things Bright and Beautiful

(Chorus) All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colours
He made their tiny wings (To Chorus)

The purple-headed mountain
The river running by

The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky (To Chorus)

The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden
He made them every one (To Chorus)

He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty
Who has made all things well
(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: Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain

is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

*My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.*

*You are the fairest of men; **

grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

*Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, **

in your pride and in your majesty.

*Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth **

and for the sake of justice.

*Your right hand will show you marvellous things; **

your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

*The peoples are falling at your feet, **

and the king's enemies are losing heart.

*Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, **

*a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom; you love righteousness
and hate iniquity.*

*Therefore, God, your God, has anointed you **

with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

*All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, **

and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

*Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; **

on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Prayer: Gracious God, your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of gladness.

*Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that leads us to your banquet hall, where all is
golden with praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord.*

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from
the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In
fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would*

become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act--they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Processional – Good, Good Father

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

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. Mark.

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

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but

their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Through Song

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

(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*)

O Lord, You're Beautiful

Oh Lord, You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
And when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

I want to take Your Word
And shine it all around
First help me just to live it Lord
And when I'm doing well
Help me to never seek a crown
For my reward is giving glory to You

Oh Lord, please light the fire
That once burned bright and clear
Replace the lamp of my first love
That burns with holy fear

Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear and have mercy.” We pray for all who confess the name of Christ, including those in the St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer: Kyle, Stephanie, Jae, Beck, and Luka Armstrong; Wendell and Nora James; Dave Lenzi; and Connie Pistawka; as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

All: Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

All: Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

All: Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader: We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

All: Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader: We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

All: Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

All: Lord, hear and have mercy.

Leader: May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ’s saints.

All: Lord, hear and have mercy. 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: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

All: we have sinned against you and against others, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. 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: Father of Lights

Father of lights

You delight in Your children

Father of lights

You delight in Your children

(Chorus) Every good and perfect gift

Comes from You

Every good and perfect gift

Comes from You

Every good and perfect gift

Comes from You

Father of lights

Father of lights, You never change

You have no turning

Father of lights, You never change

You have no turning

(To Chorus)

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Merciful God,

All: receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. 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: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

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. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest.

Lamb of God

(Sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

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Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.

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

Communion Music

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving

I'll be a living sanctuary for You

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God

Make it ever true

Change my heart, O God

May I be like You

You are the Potter

I am the clay

Mould me and make me

This is what I pray

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. 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

Closing Song: As for Me

Your love, oh Lord
Is strength to my soul
Hope for tomorrow, it won't let go
Your presence is the joy of my life
To You I lift my eyes

Your word alone a lamp to my feet
A light to my path as You're leading me
Your ways, oh Lord
Are higher than mine
To You I lift my eyes (*To Chorus*)

(*Chorus*) As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord
We will sing of Your love forevermore
As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord, serve the Lord

Open up every door
Write it on every wall
Sing it in every room
(*To Chorus*)

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Community Corner for August 29

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.

Did you know that a new Canadian statutory holiday was approved in May? September 30 has been designated as the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. For more information, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/maple-leaf/defence/2021/07/federal-statutory-holiday-national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation.html>.

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 (6-week rotation). 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

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music: Adele and Team

Service Team: Parker and Heritage
Reader/Prayers: Francis and Jennifer B.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

Kyle, Stephanie, Jae, Beck,
and Luka Armstrong;
Wendell and Nora James;
Dave Lenzi;
Connie Pistawka

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Huron: the Rt. Rev. Dr. Todd
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Eden (s. Pamela); René Faille (s. Ruby); Bishop
Ken Genge (s. Ruth); Neil Gordon (s. Susan
Bercov); Donald Gray; Sheila Hagan-Bloxham;
Sally Harrison; Peter Heritage (s. Lois); Ron Hörst.
Buyé Diocese, Gakana Parish: Oscar
Murengerantwari, Rector. Métis Nation of
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Next Week's Ministry Teams:

Music: RJ and Team
Service Team: Anyone Available
Reader/Prayers: RJ and Janette

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