

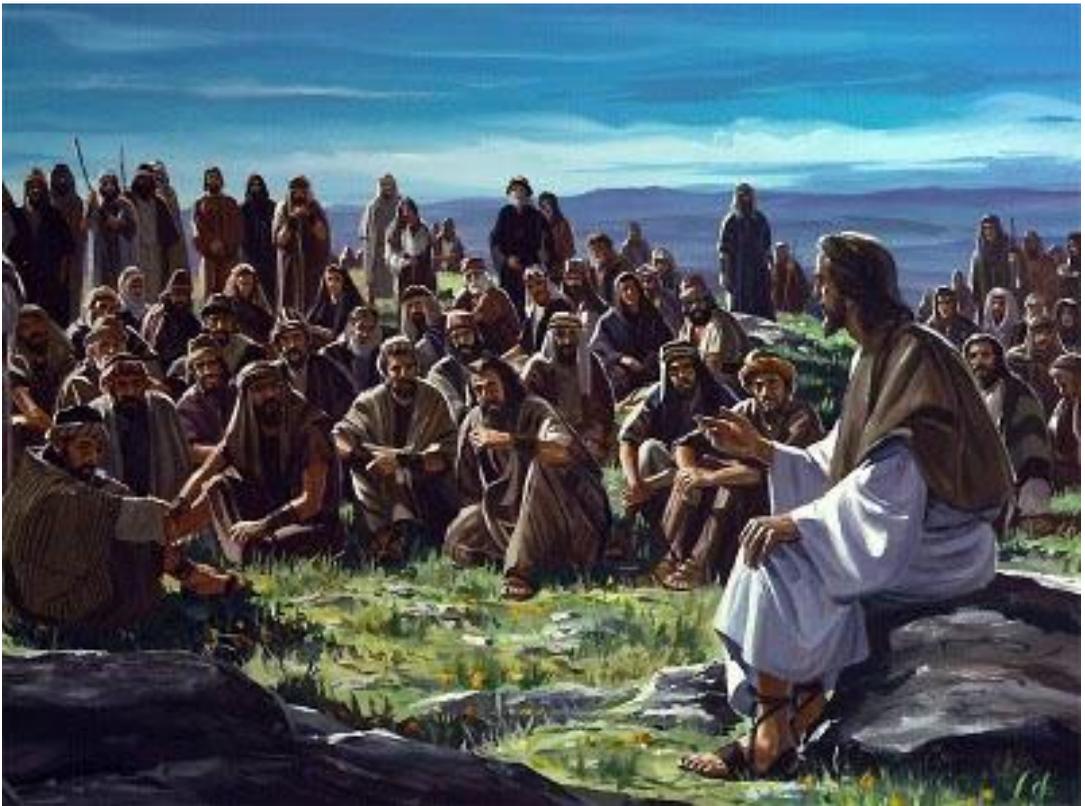


St. Paul's Anglican Church

" Connecting people with God and each other "

Sunday, September 5, 2021: 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. (Matthew 4:23)



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.
- **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.
- **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: Come, Worship the Lord

Come to the Lord all who are weary
Come to the Lord, come and find rest
Come to the Lord
Hearts that are yearning
Come to the Lord, come and be blessed

(Pre-Chorus)

For in His presence His joy overflows
Hope for the heart, strength for the soul
(Repeat)

(Chorus) Come, worship the Lord
Feast at His table, taste of His goodness

Come, worship the Lord
For He is able to lift Your heaviness
He'll clothe Your heart
With the garment of praise
So let your love song be raised
Worship the Lord

Come to the Lord, lay down your burden
Come to the Lord, lift up your hands
Come to the Lord, life He has given
Come to the Lord, Saviour and Friend
(To Pre-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: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor

"You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Processional – What a Beautiful Name

What a beautiful Name it is

Nothing compares to this

What a beautiful Name it is

What a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

The Name of Jesus

What a beautiful Name it is

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 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Through Song

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Affirmation of Faith – The Deepest Truth

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

All: We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people. We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new. In his death and resurrection, we see the deepest truth of life. We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love. We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.” Let us pray for those in the St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer: Neil, Laura, and Scott Rogers; Nicholas and Angela Delaney; Grace Bell; and Kimberley Howard; as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for this country, and especially for Queen Elizabeth, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

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: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

All: you are everything we need all of the time. But we confess to you that we have been tempted to be self reliant and self sufficient. We have believed we need to provide our own daily bread. We have attempted to generate our own peace. In our weakness, we have tried to rely on our own strength. We have tried to light the dark with our own torch. We have trusted our own counsel. Father, out of your great love for us, and because you have given Jesus to die for us, grant that, through his cross, our sins might be taken away, remembered no more and not held against us. Cleanse us and empower us with your Spirit to be like Christ, to joyfully and willingly look to you for everything we need. 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: The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
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(Chorus) On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

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All other ground is sinking sand
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His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay
(To Chorus)

When He shall come
With trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne
(To Chorus)

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Great and holy God,

All: accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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.

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

Lord, I Need You

Lord I come, I confess

Bowing here I find my rest

And without You I fall apart

You're the one that guides my heart

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more

Where grace is found is where You are

And where You are, Lord, I am free

Holiness is Christ in me *(To Chorus)*

(Chorus)

Lord I need You, oh, I need You

Every hour I need You

My one defense, my righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You

Jesus You're my hope and stay *(Repeat)*

(To Chorus)

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Father,

All: your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 (Myron)

Closing Song: Hosanna

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

(Pre-Chorus)

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

(Chorus) Hosanna, hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new (To Pre-Chorus)

The Dismissal

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

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

Community Corner for September 5

Our **2021 Fall Kickoff** is NEXT WEEK! 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 neighbours as we celebrate together. There will also be a meal served after the service so PLEASE JOIN US!!

The **St. Paul's Community Block Party** is planned for October 3, 2021 from 1-4 pm. It will be a great time of fun activities and games, food trucks, live music and much more. We are looking for help with this event too, both on the day of and in advance. Please see the sign in the hallway for more information and to sign up!

SAVE THE DATE: It's a long way off, but we have already confirmed our **St. Paul's Church Retreat for May 13-15, 2022!**

Please mark it on your calendar so you are sure to be there.

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.

Support Wendell and Ratanak International – Ride for Refuge

As a team event, Wendell and his workplace has arranged for a group of cyclists to participate in Ride for Refuge on October 2. They will be raising funds for Ratanak International. Many at St. Paul's are aware of the important work Ratanak is doing to free exploited Cambodians. If anyone would like to support this work, please visit Wendell's team site and support any of the riders who have not yet achieved their fundraising targets. <https://rideforrefuge.org/search?q=epcor+cycle+breakers>

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

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

Neil, Laura, and Scott Rogers;
Nicholas and Angela Delaney;
Grace Bell;
Kimberley Howard

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Kootenay: the Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon). The retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton: Karen Hunt; Ed Kostyk; Michael Lawson; Joyce Mellor; Charles Mortimer (s. Lois); Joanne Neal; Ann Marie Nicklin (s. Owen); Helen Northcott (s. Rod), Susan Ormsbee (s. Charles); William Patterson; Bob Peel (s. Patricia); Fred Peirce; Jim Plambeck (s. Olga); David Prowse; Paul Robinson (s. Pat). Buyé Diocese, Buringanire Parish: Evariste Nsabimana, Rector. Alexander First Nation.

Next Week's Ministry Teams:

Music/Sound: Jodi's Team/Asher
Service Team: Green and Friends
Prayers: Carol R.; Vestry: Michelle S.
Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat

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