



St. Paul's Anglican Church

" Connecting people with God and each other "

Sunday, January 9, 2022: Baptism of the Lord

A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)



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: Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

(Chorus) So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor
(To Chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross *(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: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Children's Focus

The Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not

overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Psalm 29 (To the tune of Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise)

Ascribe to the Lord,
All you ones of great might;
Ascribe to the Lord
Glory, strength in our sight.
Ascribe to Him glory, and His name adore;
In splendor of holiness, worship the Lord.



The voice of the Lord
Is above the great sea;
He thunders in glory; o'er waters is He!
The voice of the Lord,
Full of power and might;
His voice is majestic and flaming in light.

The voice of the Lord
Strikes with flashing of light.
His voice shakes the desert
Of Kadesh with might.
The voice of the Lord
Strips the forests all bare;
And all in His temple, His glory declare.

The voice of the Lord
Breaks the cedars in two;
The cedars of Lebanon, He does subdue.
The Lord makes all Lebanon
Skip like a deer.
Mount Hermon is like a
Young ox when He's near.

The Lord sits enthroned
o'er the flood – He is King.
The Lord on His throne
Sits forever as King.
The Lord gives His people
His strength without cease.
The Lord is the One
Who will bless them with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Processional: Light of the World

Come and adore Him, bow down before Him
Sing Hallelujah to the Light of the World

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. Luke.

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Worship Through Song

Light of The World (Sing Hallelujah)

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father
Reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth
Send the shadows to flight

Light of the World from the beginning
The tragedies of time
Were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory
You saw my story
God You entered in
And became one of us

(Chorus) Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done

Come and adore Him
Bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid
(To Chorus)

Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes
He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us
Straight into glory
And there He shall reign forevermore
Forevermore *(To Chorus)*

Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth (ECHO)
From the depths of the sea (ECHO)
From the heights of the heavens (ECHO)
Your name be praised
From the hearts of the weak (ECHO)
From the shouts of the strong (ECHO)
From the lips of all people (ECHO)
This song we raise Lord

(Chorus)
Throughout the endless ages
You will be crowned with praises
Lord Most High
Exalted in every nation
Sovereign of all creation
Lord Most High be magnified

Listening Time

Prayer 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: James Parker and Olga Elizarova (Sophia); Lukasz Mazurek and Ivy Exconde Mazurek; Patti Nicholl; Ranji Samuel; 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: We confess to God,

All: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned in what we have thought, said, and done, through our own fault, and we pray God to have mercy on us. God, you rule over all, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins and save

us from all evil; make us strong to do good and bring us to everlasting life, 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: *On Jordan's Bank*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh
Awake and hearken for He brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings

Then cleansed be every heart from sin
Make straight the way of God within
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come

For You are our salvation Lord
Our refuge and our great reward

Without Your grace we waste away
Like flowers that wither and decay

To heal the sick stretch out Your hand
And bid the fallen sinner stand
Shine forth and let Your light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more

All praise the Son eternally
Whose advent sets His people free
Whom with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest forevermore

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of life and freedom,

All: **we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: *(Sung)* Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable

in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray as we sing,

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 which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All: Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Communion Music

A Christmas Alleluia

(Chorus) Alleluia, Alleluia

Christ the Savior of the world

He has come

Alleluia, Alleluia

To the highest name of all, Alleluia

The heavens roar the angels sing
All glory to our God and King
O night divine forevermore alleluia
(To Chorus)

You're the highest name of all, Alleluia

Light Has Come

What a wonder God is moving

All around us lift your eyes

In the darkness of this weary world

Hope is starting to rise

Oh the splendor of the Promised One
Born in Bethlehem *(To Chorus)*

Hallelujah, Gloria; Hallelujah, Gloria

(Chorus) God is with us, behold His Son

Dawn of glory, light has come

From the midnight of our waiting

Heaven's highest enters in

He is Alpha and Omega
King of kings and Prince of Peace
Tender Shepherd Holy Lamb of God
Love come to redeem
(To "Hallelujah", then to Chorus)

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Gracious God, lover of all,

All: by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. 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

REACH Presentation: Fusion Canada (Terry B.)

Closing Song: *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God

When I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds

Thy hands have made

I see the stars

I hear the rolling thunder

Thy pow'r throughout

The universe displayed

(Chorus) Then sings my soul

My Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, How great Thou art

Then sings my soul

My Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, How great Thou art

When through the woods

And forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees

When I look down

From lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook

And feel the gentle breeze

And when I think

That God His Son not sparing

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in

That on the cross

My burden gladly bearing

He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come

With shout of acclamation

And take me home

What joy shall fill my heart

Then I shall bow in humble adoration

And there proclaim

My God how great Thou art

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

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

Community Corner for January 9

Wondering about ways **to look after your neighbourhood?** Edmonton's Neighbourhood Watch program could be just the thing you are looking for. Did you know that just by increasing your awareness of issues you can make a difference in the crime rates in your neighbourhood! Please visit <https://enwatch.ca/> for more information, programs and ways to help.

Save the date: Keep the evening of March 1 free for our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. More information will be available later this month. We are hoping for an in-person event, and you will have many options to make it fun and connect with our church family.

Don't forget! We are looking forward to our **CHURCH RETREAT** May 13-15, 2022. If you would like to be involved in hosting the weekend, please let us know. We are also accepting ideas for themes to cover and activities to host.

Ten ways to support yourself and your community right now:

1. Take time to pray
2. Eat well and get plenty of rest
3. Get outside in the sunlight as much as you can (even in the extreme cold, dressed appropriately)
4. Protect yourself and others from COVID – follow the guidelines laid out by AHS; Stay informed and stay calm
5. Check in with friends and family if they need anything, be sure to ask for help with things you need too.
6. Support the local food bank
7. Give blood if you are able
8. Volunteer your time and expertise
9. Support local businesses, schools and childcare centers
10. Provide support to frontline health workers and first responders

Coats at Street Entrance

There is a section of the coat rack at the west-facing street entrance that is reserved for storing coats for those in need during these frigid temperatures. If you have coats or supplies to donate, please place them in that section and notify Nathaniel or Michelle Schurek. If you do not wish for your coat to be taken, please hang on the north-facing alley-entrance coat rack.

Volunteering

If you have been thinking about getting involved in our church life and the services, please contact the office. This is a great way to get to know other parishioners!

2022 Offering Envelopes

2022 offering envelopes are now available for pick up from the Office. If you would like envelopes or would like to stop getting envelopes, please contact the office.

Contacting the Office?

Having trouble emailing the office? Some people have stated that emailing the office didn't work. If that's happening for you, please delete and re-add the church as a contact in your address book with office@stpauls-anglican.ca
You can also email Asher directly at asher@stpauls-anglican.ca

Daily Morning Prayer

Beginning tomorrow! Please join us every day at 8am for morning prayer on Zoom, except Thursdays and Sundays. Every Thursday we will meet at St. Paul's in the Chapel to pray and discuss Joan Chittister's *Wisdom Distilled from the Daily*. For morning prayer, we are using the Morning Prayer Service in the BAS. If you would like more information, please talk to Myron or contact the office. The Zoom information is included here and is also available on the website.

Meeting ID: 890 1287 7222. Passcode: 000636

AGM
Annual General Meeting

St. Paul's AGM – February 6

Please plan to join us for our Annual General Meeting following the service on February 6. This meeting includes key updates and announcements regarding the parish of St. Paul's.
We hope to see you there!

AGM Reports Due January 26

If you oversee any ministry area, please submit your reports on or before January 26. We look forward to seeing how God has been working through these ministry areas.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

James Parker and
Olga Elizarova (Sophia);
Lukasz Mazurek and
Ivy Exconde Mazurek;
Patti Nicholl;
Ranji Samuel

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music/Sound: Adele's Team/Asher
Service Team: B Team
Prayers of the People: Nancy W-S.
Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat
Kids: Carol R.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, the
Most Rev. Mark MacDonald. St. Augustine of
Canterbury, Edmonton: Jonathan Crane (s.
Megan), Rector; Anne Wightman (s. Peter),
Honorary Assistant. Buyé Diocese Youth
Coordinator: Audace Kwizera. Enoch Cree
Nation.

Next Week's Ministry Teams: Jan 16

Music/Sound: RJ's Team / John - Tech
Service Team: Green and Friends Team
Prayers of the People: Carol R.
Chapel Prayer: Laurier B., Terry B., Kjeryn A.
Kids: Ryan Y.

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