



ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

Sunday, February 13, 2022: Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

*Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold,
your reward is great in heaven. (Luke 6:23)*



ST. PAUL'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

Welcome!! During this unique time in history, services 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:

- **Get the COVID-19 Vaccine/Booster:** If you have not done so, and plan to attend services at St Paul's, please consider getting vaccinated and/or the booster if you are eligible. This is **not required** to attend, but is strongly recommended.
- **Exposed to COVID-19?** If you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or you yourself has tested positive, please **do not attend church** - whether you are vaccinated or not - and please stay home for the appropriate quarantine period following the end of your symptoms.
- **Keep Us Informed.** Please let the Parish Office know if you have tested positive for COVID-19. There is no shame in this and your identity will not be revealed, but it is very important for us to know this information so that we can properly support you and safeguard the parish.
- **Experiencing Cough, Sore Throat, Fever, or Other Symptom/s? Do not attend church** - whether you are vaccinated or not - and please stay home for fourteen days following the end of your symptoms.
- **Refrain from Singing.** Please refrain from singing, even when wearing a mask. Only the music team will sing.
- **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.

Opening Song: Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

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| Praise is rising | <i>(Chorus)</i> Hosanna, Hosanna |
| Eyes are turning to You | You are the God who saves us |
| We turn to You | Worthy of all our praises |
| Hope is stirring | Hosanna, Hosanna |
| Hearts are yearning for You | Come have Your way among us |
| We long for You | We welcome You here, Lord Jesus |

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| <i>(Pre-Chorus)</i> 'Cause when we see You | Hear the sound of |
| We find strength to face the day | Hearts returning to You |
| In Your presence | We turn to You |
| All our fears are washed away | In Your Kingdom |
| They're washed away | Broken lives are made new |
| | You make us new <i>(To Pre-Chorus)</i> |

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 and ever-living God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; 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

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
 nor lingered in the way of sinners,
 nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
 and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
 everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, *
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Prayer: Giver of life, save us from the desert of faithlessness and nourish
 us with the living water of your word, that we may bring forth
 fruit that will last, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has

not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Processional: Living Waters

For the Lord embraces the way of the righteous

And the way of the wicked is lost (*Repeat*)

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 6:17-26**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Worship Through Song

The Way (Psalm 1)

Contented the one
Who does not walk with the wicked
Or stand in the way
Sinners and scoffers delight
For the Lord's teaching is her desire
These are the words she's singing softly
Day and night, Day and night

Just like a tree
Planted by streams of water
Yielding its fruit
In its appointed season
In the heat of the day
Its leaves won't wither

In all that he does
He has more than enough
More than enough, More than enough

Not so the wicked
They are like wind blown chaff
Offenders and scoffers
Will have no defense to stand
For the Lord embraces the way
Of the righteous
And the way of the wicked is lost
For the Lord embraces the way
Of the righteous
And the way of the wicked is lost

Living Waters

Are you thirsty, are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down, all the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

(Chorus) There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Spirit moving, mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children, to the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Are you thirsty, are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness, vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters *(To Chorus)*

(Tag) There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Listening Time

Prayers of the People

Leader: By your incarnation and your birth in poverty, by your baptism, your fasting, and your trials in the desert, O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: By your agony in the garden, by your cross and passion, by your death and burial, by your resurrection and ascension, and by the gift of your Holy Spirit, O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In times of trouble and in times of well-being, at the hour we die and on the day of your glory, O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Deliver us from war and violence, from hardness of heart and from contempt of your love and your promises; O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Enlighten our lives with your word, that in it we may find our way and our hope; O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Assist your people in every land, lifting up those in our St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Rick and Barb Mickelson; Gay Gering; Chandra Singham and Hannah David (Tisha); Dee Cartledge; as well as those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, govern them in peace and justice, defend them from the enemies of life; O Lord, hear our prayer;

All: Lord, 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: 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: *Thine Be The Glory*

Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay

(Chorus) Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won

Lo Jesus meets us
Risen from the tomb
Lovingly He greets us
Scatters fear and gloom
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing
For her Lord now liveth
Death hath lost its sting *(To Chorus)*

No more we doubt Thee
Glorious Prince of life
Life is nought without Thee
Aid us in our strife
Make us more than conquerors
Through Thy deathless love
Lead us in Thy triumph
To Thy home above *(To Chorus)*

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Eternal God,

All: you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: *(Said) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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 & Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now & for ever.

All: **Amen.**

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

All: *(Said) 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. 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:

There Is A Redeemer

There is a Redeemer
Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Jesus my Redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

(Chorus) Thank You oh my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place *(To Chorus)*

The River

To the river I am going
Bringing sins I cannot bear
Come and cleanse me come forgive me
Lord I need to meet You there

In these waters healing mercy
Flows with freedom from despair
I am going to that river
Lord I need to meet You there

(Chorus) Precious Jesus I am ready
To surrender ev'ry care
Take my hand now lead me closer
Lord I need to meet You there

Come and join us in the river
Come find life beyond compare
He is calling He is waiting
Jesus longs to meet you there
He is calling He is waiting
Jesus longs to meet you there
(To Chorus)

(Tag) Take my hand now lead me closer
Lord I need to meet You there

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of tender care,

All: in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this 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

Closing Song: *Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

(Chorus) This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Community Life

Community Corner for February 13

February is **BLACK HISTORY MONTH!** Each week we will highlight some resources for you to check out. Thank you to Dan Lowe for sharing these resources with us.

Film: Older Stronger Wiser https://www.nfb.ca/film/older_stronger_wiser

Poetry: Black Matters by Afua Cooper and Wilfried Raussert

Fiction: Brown Girl in the Ring – Nalo Hopkinson

Non-Fiction: The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass

Podcasts: Faith in a Fresh Vibe <https://www.rohadi.com/podcast>

Supporting Indigenous Arts & Businesses in Edmonton is part of our ongoing participation in reconciliation. There are many Indigenous-owned businesses in Edmonton, such as the Samson Native Gallery in West Edmonton Mall, the Indigenous Artist Market Collective's booth at our Downtown Farmers Market every weekend, Ôte Nîkân Papaschase Petro Canada at 3003 Calgary Trail. For more resources, please visit <https://www.infoedmonton.com/article/indigenous-arts-businesses-in-edmonton>

Family Day is February 21, 2022 and there are many fun activities planned in Edmonton and surrounding areas. Many activities are listed on this website <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/edmonton/family-day-in-edmonton> with time, location and cost listed.

Church Retreat - May 13-15, 2022

Our annual church retreat is scheduled for May 13-15, 2022. Please contact Michelle if you are interested in helping out, hosting, or in making it happen! Retreats are one way we maintain community and grow together in Christ.

Send Some February Love

The "Hands to Hearts" card group invites you to send a card (or 2 or 3) to someone in February. Perhaps you have not seen a fellow parishioner for a long time. Mail them a card! Maybe you want to thank a member of the music ministry team. Perhaps you want to say thank you to a health care professional or your favourite grocery clerk. The card boxes have been replenished, and cards and envelopes are available for you to take. Special thanks to Pat S., Pat H-B. and Barb D. who prepared cards this month. If you are unable to pick up cards from the church, contact the office to request having them mailed or delivered to you.

Lent and Easter

Return Palm Fronds

If you have palm fronds from last year's Palm Sunday, please return them so we can make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Palms must be returned by Sun, February 27.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us online from your dinner table for the art of pancake silliness before we hunker down to the serious business of Lent. The Zoom link will be opened at 5:45pm on March 1, 2022. Indulge in fun and antics from the comfort of your own home! You can plan and prepare your own supper (no charge to join the party), or order a Pancake Silliness Kit from Michelle for \$25 (includes syrup, whip cream, pancake mix, uncooked bacon and decorations) **NO LATER THAN February 22**. Games and activities will be supplied at no charge! Looking forward to seeing the silly faces you can make on those pancakes. RSVP to Michelle Schurek or Asher Hebert for the Zoom link.

Lenten Embers 2022 – March 2

Lenten Embers is offered over Lent and is designed to serve worshippers devotionally while encouraging simplicity, discernment, awareness, and prayer. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office for a kit.

Ash Wednesday Service

On March 2, 2022, St. Paul's will be having a short service on Ash Wednesday. Please plan to join in person or online at 10:00am. If you are able to assist with the service for Service Team, Tech, or Music, please let the office know.

Tent Theology

St. Paul's will be hosting a discussion with theologian Dr. Stephen Backhouse. Dr. Backhouse is the founder and director of Tent Theology, a project to help individuals engage with theology for every business, church, and network. These discussions will be happening over Zoom during the season of Lent. More details will be made available as they become settled. Find more information about Tent Theology at their website: <https://www.tenttheology.com>

Announcements

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.

Your Picture Is Requested

In our parish lobby, we have a picture board of our regular attendees. It is now time to update it with those attending both in-person and online! Please email a copy of your favourite photo to the office. Feel free to include your pets! If you do not have a photo and would like to participate, please email Asher in the office to arrange taking your picture at office@stpauls-anglican.ca

2022 Offering Envelopes

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.

Daily Morning Prayer

Please join us every day at 8am for morning prayer on Zoom, except Thursdays and Sundays. Every Thursday we will meet in person at St. Paul's in the Chapel. For more information, please contact Myron or the office. The Zoom information is available on the website [HERE](#).

Margaret Third-Tsushima

The office at St. Paul's received word this week about the passing of former parishioner, Margaret Third-Tsushima. There will be no upcoming memorial service. If you know Margaret and would like more information, please contact Heather Dyckerhoff at 780-850-7650.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

Rick and Barb Mickelson
Chandra Singham and Hannah David
Gay Gering
Dee Cartledge

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music/Sound: Adele's Team/Asher
Service Team: Heritage Team
Prayers of the People: David H.
Chapel Prayer: Wendell and Nora
Kids: Carol R.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Athabasca: The Rt. Rev.
David Greenwood, Bishop. St. Luke,
Edmonton: Nick Trussell (s. Stephanie),
Rector; Joyce Mellor, Honorary
Assistant. All lay people in parishes
throughout the Diocese of Buyé.
Montana First Nation.

Next Week's Ministry Teams: Feb 20

Music/Sound: RJ's Team/John
Service Team: B Team
Prayers of the People: Nancy/Andrew
Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat
Kids: Margot B.

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