

ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

Sunday, March 20, 2022: Third Sunday in Lent

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 4:17)



Welcome To St. Paul's!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

St. Paul's leadership has a plan for returning to pre-Covid worship practices in response to directions received for our Bishop. These guidelines are updated accordingly. Please follow these guidelines while worshiping with us:

- **Respect Others' Preferences.** Some individuals may be caring for individuals with health conditions or be immunocompromised, others may be risk averse for other reasons. As well, we wish to care for those around us. Please graciously respect the preferences of others.
- Know Current Restrictions and Guidelines. If you have tested positive for Covid, please stay home and follow public health guidelines, you may still be legally required to isolate. If you have new or worsening symptoms (Cough, Sore Throat, Fever, Shortness of Breath, Loss of Taste or Smell), please do not attend church.
- **Keep Us Informed.** Please inform the office if you have tested positive for, or been exposed to, COVID-19. Your identity will not be revealed, but this information is very for us so that we can properly support you and safeguard the parish from outbreaks.
- Consider Masking. St. Paul's does still encourage masking for anyone that wishes to safeguard against infection. However, as of March 20th, St. Paul's is no longer requiring masking for those in attendance. We have masks available at both entrances.
- Physical Distancing. St. Paul's does still encourage physical distancing for anyone that wishes to safeguard against infection. However, as of March 20th, St. Paul's is no longer requiring physical distancing for those in attendance.
- Vaccine/Booster. Government and health authorities strongly recommend that all eligible individuals get their vaccination or booster for COVID-19 to mitigate serious outcomes from the virus and to reduce the spread of infections.

Opening Song: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand
Bread of heaven

Feed me now and ever more Feed me now and ever more

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow Let the fiery cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer Be Thou still my strength and shield Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan Bid my anxious fears subside

Death of death and hell's destruction

Land me safe on Canaan's side Songs of praises songs of praises

I will ever give to Thee I will ever give to Thee

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: Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help

ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope, 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 55:1-9

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See,

you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63 (Oh Lord, My God, Most Earnestly)

O Lord, my God, most earnestly
My heart would seek thy face
Within thy holy house once more
To see thy glorious grace
Apart from thee I long and thirst
And nought can satisfy
I wander in a desert land
Where all the streams are dry

The loving-kindness of my God Is more than life to me So I will bless thee while I live And lift my pray'r to thee In thee my soul is satisfied My darkness turns to light And joyful meditations fill The watches of the night

My Savior, 'neath thy shelt'ring wings
My soul delights to dwell
Still closer to thy side I press
For near thee all is well
My soul shall conqer ev'ry foe
Upholden by thy hand
Thy people shall rejoice in God
Thy saints in glory stand



1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twentythree thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional: Living Waters

There our hope is secure do not fear anymore Praise the Lord of living waters

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 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable:

"A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Through Song

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*)

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

(Chorus) Lord I need You, oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

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 Where You are, Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me (*To Chorus*)

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 And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay (To chorus)

	
Sermon: Rev. Myron Penner	

Affirmation of Faith - Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Listening Time

All: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; thou shalt love the Lord

thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we

beseech thee.

Prayers of the People

Leader: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have

mercy." For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the

world, we pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Remembering today those in our St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Cara

Roemmich (Jasper, Keziah, Sebastian, Callie), Nathan and Deanna Kalles, Dudley Baker & Pat Halligan-Baker, Cheryl Critchell; as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of

the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors,

we pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may

grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees,

prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,

we pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray

to you, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Dear friends ... 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, ... 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: All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, and all who are weak (Chorus 1) Come Lord Jesus, come

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Come Lord Jesus, come

Come Lord Jesus, come

Let the pain and the sorrow Come Lord Jesus, come (*To Verse*)

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy (Chorus 2)

As deep cries out to deep (we sing) Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit, come

Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit, come

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Gracious God,

All: we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask

forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus 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, because

you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the Eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore, we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your

name.

All:

(Sung) Holy, holy, holy are you Lord. God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in your name! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna, 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,

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,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him

If we hold firm, we shall reign with 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:

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

There's a place where mercy reigns

Where Your love ran red

And my sin washed white

And never dies I owe all to You, I owe all to You (Jesus)

There's a place where streams of grace

Flow deep and wide There's a place where sin and shame

Comes like a flood, comes flowing down Where my heart has peace with God

And forgiveness

(Chorus) At the cross, at the cross Where all the love I've ever found

I surrender my life Comes like a flood comes flowing down

I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You (To Chorus)

Here my hope is found (Chorus) At the cross, at the cross

Here on holy ground I surrender my life

I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You Here I bow down, here I bow down

Here arms open wide Where Your love ran red Here You saved my life And my sin washed white

Here I bow down, here I bow down I owe all to You. I owe all to You

I Will Offer Up My Life

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth Oh my words could not tell

Pouring out the oil of love Not even in part

Of the debt of love that is owed As my worship to You

In surrender I must give my every part By this thankful heart Lord receive the sacrifice

Of a broken heart. You deserve my every breath

For You've paid the great cost Giving up Your life to death (Chorus)

Even death on a cross Jesus what can I give, what can I bring

To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King You took all my shame away

Saviour what can be said There defeated my sin

What can be sung Opened up the gates of heaven And have beckoned me in

As a praise of Your name

For the things You have done (To Chorus)

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of mercy and forgiveness,

All: may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in

the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or All:

imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and

in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Congregational Announcements (Connie P.)

30 Days of Prayer (Nora J.)

Closing Song: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

O God my Father

There is no shadow of turning with Thee

Thou changest not

Thy compassions they fail not

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

(Chorus) Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Summer and winter

And springtime and harvest

Sun moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth

Thy own dear presence To cheer and to guide Strength for today

And bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine

With ten thousand beside

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Community Corner for March 20

Creating Hope Society and St. Faith's: This program, running Thursday evenings now until March 31, is for community elders, seniors and knowledge keepers to connect and learn about the drum from a traditional and multicultural view. Proof of vaccination is required to attend these in-person sessions. Contact Cynthia at programs@creatinghopesociety.ca for more information.

Lenten Art Exhibit: Drop into Star of the North during office hours (M-F, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm) for a self-guided prayer walk through Kisemanito Pakitinasuwin - The Creator's Sacrifice. This powerful set of 17 large prints by late Cree artist Ovide Bighetty depict the passion of Jesus Christ and are arranged in a contemplative "stations of the cross" style.

Making Ribbon Skirts – collaborative project: On April 23, 2022, at All Saints Anglican Cathedral, there will be the opportunity to learn to make ribbon skirts. All skirts made will be gifted from the group. More information to follow. Preregistration is required.

Announcements

30 Days of Prayer

30 Days invites Christians to pray with love and respect for Muslim peoples around the world. In doing so we hope to see Christians gain a better understanding about Muslim people, their faith and their various, diverse cultures; increases in efforts to respond with love and compassion to the needs of Muslims, and greater interest in Jesus among Muslim peoples. This happens with an annual prayer event coinciding with Ramadan each year and a prayer guide that enables Christians to pray regularly. prayay30days.org/product/30-days-of-prayer-2022-pdf

Church Retreat

The 2022 St Paul's Parish Retreat is coming up May 13-15, and you're invited! We are looking forward to being out at Camp Nakamun, a wonderful lakeside camp that offers great food, fun activities and a welcoming facility. Our guiding verse is Philemon 1:7, "Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people." Please join us as we sing, pray, learn and play together, being refreshed in mind, body, heart and spirit.

Please see our website's <u>EVENT</u> page to register ASAP, so we have time to look after all the details. Payment will not be required until May 1, 2022, in case of unforeseen circumstances that might force the retreat online.

Tent Theology

Please join us in person or online each Wednesday evening at 7pm during the season of lent for discussions on fasting as it relates to many areas of our lives. See the bulletin insert for more information, or the event page on our website HERE.

Lenten Embers 2022

Lenten Embers is offered over Lent and uses theopoetics to encourage growth in simplicity, discernment, awareness, and prayer. If you would like to participate, please contact the office or Jim Robertson at interfaceworship@gmail.com. There are a few kits available in the church office for pickup.

Lenten Meditations

Please join us at 7pm on March 27th for a meditative evening of classical music and Lenten readings led by several talented musicians at St. Paul's including some special guests! You will hear works for soloists by Purcell, Bach, Spirituals, a hymn arrangement for flute trio, traditional Celtic hymns with harp, Jewish prayer arranged for cello and more!

Rosebud Chamber Music Festival

St. Paul's is excited to have RCMF perform Joseph Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross for String Quartet. These performances feature musicians from the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and will be an excellent afternoon of music! Date: April 16, 2022 at **2pm**. Admission: Free-will offering. Find more info HERE.

Your Picture Is Requested

It is now time to update our lobby picture board with those attending both inperson and online! Please email your favourite photo to the office (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

Youth Retreat - May 20-23, 2022

The Youth are planning to participate in the Young Sojourners Youth Retreat at the Sorrento Centre. The theme for the retreat, "Better Together," will be focusing on rebuilding the connections of our youth that have been altered from the pandemic. Find more information on our EVENT page.

Asher Away End of March

Asher will be away for a week between March 26 – April 5. The office will not be open for drop in that week. If you need assistance prior to that week, please contact Asher immediately. Otherwise please make an appointment with Myron.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

Cara Roemmich (Jasper, Keziah, Sebastian, Callie) Nathan and Deanna Kalles Dudley Baker & Pat Halligan-Baker Cheryl Critchell

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music/Sound: Adele's Team/Asher Service Team: Heritage Team Prayers of the People: Gay G. Chapel Prayer: Laurier, Terry, Kjeryn Kids: Ryan Y.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Central Newfoundland: the Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop. St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton: Colleen Sanderson, Rector. Buyé Diocese, Giteranyi Parish: Papias Masengesho, Rector. All First Nations people of Treaty 6.

Next Week's Ministry Teams: Mar 27

Music/Sound: Andrew Team/John Service Team: Jackson Team Prayers of the People: David H. Chapel Prayer: Wendell and Nora Kids: Renee J.

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