



ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

Sunday, April 3, 2022: Fifth Sunday in Lent

*All I care for is to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection. (Philippians 3:10)*



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: We Come Into This Place

We come into this place
Trusting in the promise
That we may worship you
In spirit and in truth

Beautify this dwelling by your presence
Magnify your beauty on each face
Glorify your name in every blessing
As we sing your praise.

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: Most merciful God, be the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him 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 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

When the Lord released our bonds
We were like the ones who dream
Then our mouths filled with laughter
And our tongues resounded with joy

(Refrain) They that sow in tears
They that sow in tears
They that sow in tears shall come
And reap again in joy

Then said they to the nations
The Lord has done great things
Turn again our captivity Lord
As streams in the south flow free
(Refrain)

He that goes weeping on his way
And beareth forth good seed
Surely shall come again with joy
Bringing with him his sheaves. **(Refrain)**

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional: Be Magnified

Be magnified O Lord
You are highly exalted
And there is nothing you can't do

O Lord, my eyes are you
Be magnified, O Lord be magnified

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. John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Through Song

Be Magnified

I have made you too small in my eyes

O Lord, forgive me

And I have believed in a lie

That you were unable to help me

But now, O Lord, I see my wrong

Heal my heart and show yourself strong

And in my eyes and with my song

O Lord, be magnified

O Lord, be magnified

(Refrain) Be magnified O Lord

You are highly exalted

And there is nothing you can't do

O Lord, my eyes are you

Be magnified, O Lord be magnified

I have leaned on the wisdom of men

O Lord, forgive me

And I have responded to them

Instead of your light and your mercy

But now, O Lord, I see my wrong

Heal my heart and show yourself strong

And in my eyes and with my song

O Lord, be magnified

O Lord, be magnified *(To Refrain)*

Soften my Heart Lord

Soften my heart Lord, Soften my heart

From all indifference, Set me apart

To feel your compassion

To weep with your tears

Come soften my heart, O Lord

Soften my heart

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: Edwin and Elvie Exconde, Chuck and Kjeryn Allard, Gord and Pat Stretch, and Debbie Liska; 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: We Lay Our Broken World

We lay our broken world

In sorrow at your feet,

Haunted by hunger, war and fear,

Oppressed by power and hate.

Where human life seems less

That profit, might and pride,

Though to unite us all in you

You lived and loved and died.

We bring our broken towns,

Our neighbours hurt and bruised;

You show us how old pain and wounds
For new life can be used.

We bring our broken loves
Friends parted, families torn
Then in your life and death we see
that love must be reborn.

We bring our broken selves,
Confused and closed and tired;
Then through your gift of healing grace
New purpose is inspired.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Eternal God,

All: your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world
salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, 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, 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:

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine
(To Refrain)

(Refrain) I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Saviour
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord, I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me *(To Refrain)*

Until All are Fed

How long will we sing?
How long will we Pray?
How long will we write and send?
How long will we bring?
How long will we stay?
How long will we make amends?

(Refrain) Until all are fed we cry out
Until all on earth have bread
Like the One who loves us
Each and every one
We serve until all are fed

How long will we talk?
How long will we prod?
How long must we fret and hoard?

How long will we walk
To tear down this façade?
How long? How long, O Lord? *(To Refrain)*

How can we stand by
And fail to be aghast?
How long 'til we do what's right?
How could we stand by
And choose a lesser fast?
How long 'til we see the Light?
(To Refrain)

On the green, green grass
They gathered long ago
To hear what the Master said
What they had they shared
Some fishes and some loaves
They served until all were fed. *(To Refrain)*

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Merciful God,

All: you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 (Michelle S.)

Closing Song: Bless

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine on you
And be gracious to you
The Lord lift up His countenance on you
And give you peace.

The Lord bless you and keep you
(And keep you)
The Lord make His face shine on you
(Shine on...)
And be gracious to you (you)
The Lord lift up His countenance on you
And give you peace

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Please Join Us for Coffee in the Hall Following the Service!

Community Corner for April 3

Money is a sensitive subject, one that we can hardly talk about with one another. It's no wonder that many of us struggle to manage our cash flow, and experience guilt and shame around money concerns. Please join us Thursday, April 7 at 10 am to with host Linda Mak, a money counsellor and advocate from the non-profit agency **Money Mentors**, as she opens this topic with care, knowledge, humour and grace. Our meeting is on Zoom, and Linda will answer all your questions. This time is open to all, so please feel free to invite friends, family and acquaintances. To learn more about Money Mentors, please visit [HERE](#). To join our meeting on Thursday, April 7, please use this [ZOOM LINK](#).

Hope Mission hands out many **bottles of water** every day, more than 9 flats a day. We will be collecting flats of water at the church up to and including April 24, after which they will be delivered to Hope Mission. Please help us reach our goal of 50 flats. Contact Michelle if you are able to donate to this. Curious about Hope Mission? Please visit <https://hopemission.com/home/> to learn more.

Guess who's coming to visit? Inspired by the movie "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" we are organizing a fun event for Sunday, April 24. Are you willing to host a parish member (or two) for a visit in your yard or home? Perhaps you are interested in being a guest? To sign up for an outdoor visit with another member of the congregation on Sunday, June 6 from 1:30-2:30pm, please email Michelle Schurek michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca. Groups will be limited to 5 people (or 2 households). Registration closes Monday, April 18, 2022.

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. pray30days.org/product/30-days-of-prayer-2022-pdf

Interface Worship Service

Interface Worship is doing a service "[Emerging from the Cave](#)" on Holy Saturday at 7 pm. This event explores the day through art, music, poetry, scripture, imagination, and symbolism, as a borderland between the holiest days of the year.

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](#).

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](#).

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 [EVENT](#) 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.

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.

Your Picture Is Requested

It is now time to update our lobby picture board with those attending both in-person 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.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

Edwin and Elvie Exconde
Chuck and Kjeryn Allard
Gord and Pat Stretch
Debbie Liska

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music/Sound: Jodi Team/Chandra
Service Team: B Team
Prayers of the People: Lauren H.
Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat
Kids: Margot B.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Edmonton: the Rt. Rev.
Stephen London, Bishop. St. Paul,
Edmonton: Myron Penner (s. Jodi),
Rector; Michelle Schurek (s. Jeff),
Community Engagement Worker;
Abigail Harding (s. Mack), Youth
Worker. Buyé Diocese, Mwendo Parish:
Gregoire Ntirenganya, Rector.
Alexander First Nation.

Next Week's Ministry Teams: Apr 10

Music/Sound: RJ's Team/George
Service Team: Green and Friends Team
Prayers of the People: Carol R.
Chapel Prayer: Laurier, Terry, Kjeryn

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Sundays: Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM
Monday-Thursday: 9:30-11:30 AM
Fri-Sun (& Holidays): Closed
Daily (online): Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM

St. Paul's Vestry:

Paul Dowie, *Rector's Warden*
Margot Byer, *People's Warden*
David Heritage, *Parish Treasurer*
Barb Dixon, *Vestry Member*
David Parker, *Vestry Member*
Connie Pistawka, *Vestry Member*

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