



ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

Sunday, May 8, 2022: Fourth Sunday of Easter

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:
I know my own and my own know me. (John 10:14)*



Welcome To St. Paul's!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

St. Paul's currently has no mandatory restrictions in place for those attending services. However, we continue to ask that you 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-19, please stay home and follow public health guidelines, you may still be legally required to isolate.
- **Symptoms.** If you have new or worsening symptoms (Cough, Sore Throat, Fever, Shortness of Breath, Loss of Taste or Smell), please do not attend church.
- **Support.** If you are suffering from an infection with COVID-19 and require support, please contact the office.
- **Consider Masking.** St. Paul's encourages masking for anyone who wishes to safeguard against infection, although masks are not mandatory. We have masks available at both entrances.
- **Physical Distancing.** St. Paul's still encourages physical distancing for anyone that wishes to safeguard against infection, although it is no longer required 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: *Come Christians Join To Sing*

Come Christians join to sing	He is our Guide and Friend
Alleluia amen	To us He'll condescend
Loud praise to Christ our King	His love shall never end
Alleluia amen	Alleluia amen
Let all with heart and voice	
Before His throne rejoice	Praise yet our Christ again
Praise is His gracious choice	Alleluia amen
Alleluia amen	Life shall not end the strain
	Alleluia amen
Come lift your hearts on high	On heaven's blissful shore
Alleluia amen	His goodness we'll adore
Let praises fill the sky	Singing forevermore
Alleluia amen	Alleluia amen

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

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: O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Children's Focus

The Reading of Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (Sung as: The Lord's My Shepherd)

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want	For Thou art with me and Thy rod
He makes me down to lie	And staff me comfort still
In pastures green He leadeth me	
The quiet waters by	My table Thou hast furnished
	In presence of my foes
My soul He doth restore again	My head Thou dost with oil anoint
And me to walk doth make	And my cup overflows
Within the paths of righteousness	
E'en for His own name's sake	Goodness and mercy all my life
	Shall surely follow me
Yea though I walk in death's dark vale	And in God's house for evermore
Yet will I fear no ill	My dwelling place shall be

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne

and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional: Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore you

The Gospel Reading

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Affirmation of Faith: Radical Creed

All: We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.
We believe and trust in the Three in One.

Prayers of the People

Leader: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!" That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: Remembering today those in our St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Gary and Carol George, David Mackintosh, Dan Lowe; as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory! 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: Most merciful God,
All: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. 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.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

<i>(Chorus)</i> Bless the Lord O my soul	You're rich in love & You're slow to anger
O my soul, Worship His holy name	Your name is great and Your heart is kind
Sing like never before O my soul	For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
I'll worship Your holy name	Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
The sun comes up it's a new day dawning	
It's time to sing Your song again	On that day when my strength is failing
Whatever may pass	The end draws near and my time has come
And whatever lies before me	Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Let me be singing when the evening comes	Ten thousand years and then forevermore
<i>(To Chorus)</i>	

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Creator of all,

All: **you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: *(pg. 201)* It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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: *(pg. 202)* Blessed are you, Lord our God ... this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way ... "Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son.....that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share in the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit.....through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

The Lord's Prayer (Body Prayer) *(Follow the actions led by the youth)*

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

All: *(Said)* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

You are welcome to receive communion or come forward for a blessing. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

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

We Fall Down

We fall down we lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
Is the Lamb

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power
Of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty
And so much stronger
The King of Glory
The King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth
With holy thunder
And leaves us breathless
In awe and wonder
The King of Glory
The King above all kings

Oh Jesus I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan
A son and daughter
The King of Glory
The King above all kings

Who rules the nations
With truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory
The King above all kings *(To Chorus)*

(Chorus) This is amazing grace

This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
Who conquered the grave *(Repeat 3x)*
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of steadfast love,

All: watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 (Michelle S.)

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

(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 perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight

Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love
(To Chorus)

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

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

The Dismissal/Benediction

(Raise arms with "Breathe in". Lower arms with "Breathe out")

Leader: Breathe in the Goodness of God. Hold it, savour it, delight in it.
Breathe out the Goodness of God to all those around you

Breathe in the Wisdom of God. Hold it, savour it, delight in it.
Breathe out the wisdom of God to all those around you.

Breathe in the Resurrection of God. Hold it, savour it, delight in it.
Breathe out the Resurrection of God to all those around you.

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please join us in the hall for coffee after the service!

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers!!

Community Corner for May 8

Stony Plain Road has a wonderful array of local shops and restaurants. The Stony Plain Road Business Association is a great resource for finding what you need. They publish a quarterly newsletter called SPANN (Stony Plain Road and Area News Network) with great information – visit [HERE](#) to read the latest edition.

If you or someone you know is **facing challenges** with mental health, housing or food security, or needs additional support, please talk to Michelle Schurek or a vestry member. We are here to encourage and help one another.

Most of us have heard that Edmonton is Festival City! Every month of the year there is more than one festival to enjoy. Looking for **fun and engaging activities** this month in Edmonton? For information on May's Festivals, click [HERE](#). Spring adventure awaits, close at hand!

Volunteers Needed for Next Sunday

Next Sunday is the Church Retreat, which will be a wonderful time of growing closer together as a community. St. Paul's will still be holding a Morning Prayer service, here at our usual location, and could use volunteers to help with the service and readings. If you are planning to come to St. Paul's and are willing to help, please email Asher at office@stpauls-anglican.ca

Bishop Visiting and Confirmation

We are excited to have Bishop Steve coming for a visit to the Parish of St. Paul on **Sunday, May 29, 2022!** This will also be a **Service of Confirmation** (which only the Bishop can do). **Rev. Myron would love to hear from anyone who is interested in either (or both) Confirmation and Baptism!** Please let the office know by **Sunday, May 1**, if you would like to be baptized or confirmed. If you have any questions about what is involved in Baptism and/or Confirmation, please get in touch with Rev. Myron and he would love to talk with you more about it.

Church Retreat – Next Weekend!

The 2022 St Paul's Parish Retreat is coming up next weekend May 13-15! We are looking forward to being out at Camp Nakamun, a wonderful lakeside camp that offers great food, fun activities and a welcoming facility. Please see our website's [EVENT](#) page for full information. Payment for your registration is now due, and can be made by cheque, e-transfer, or cash on Sundays **(be sure to indicate that it is for the church retreat registration!).**

Youth Retreat

The Youth will be participating in the Young Sojourners Youth Retreat at the Sorrento Centre on May 20-23. The theme for the retreat, "Better Together," will be focusing on rebuilding the connections of our youth that have been altered from the pandemic. More information can be found on our [EVENT](#) webpage.

LTD Fundraising

This summer, Macreena Schurek is in her second year of the Leadership Training and Discipleship (LTD) program at Gull Lake Centre. It is a three-year, experiential learning program for High School students. Students are taught about leadership with emphases on personal development, social justice, evangelism, communication, and teamwork through experiences in spiritual formation, cabin leading, inner-city service, hiking, and more. Macreena is seeking financial support for this, with a goal of raising \$1700 by the end of the summer. If you are interested in talking with her more about this, please email her at mackersmak@gmail.com. For more information, visit <https://gulllakecentre.ca/ltd>

Women's Evening Bible Fellowship

Every 2nd Wednesday, beginning May 11th, we are starting a Bible Fellowship Group at St. Paul's in the Basement. Please join at 7:00pm! If you have questions, contact Terry Berard or Pat Stretch.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

Gary and Carol George
David Mackintosh
Dan Lowe

Next Week's Ministry Teams: May 8

Music/Sound: Jodi's Team/Asher
Service Team: B Team
Prayers of the People: Jim R.
Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat
Kids: Kids Stay in Service

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Montreal: the Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop. Holy Trinity, Edson: Johnny Pooten, Rector. Buyé Diocese, Nyamabuye Parish: Emmanuel Habindemyi, Rector. Frog Lake First Nation.

Next Week's Ministry Teams: May 15

Music/Sound: Asher's Team/
Service Team: **Volunteers Needed**
Prayers of the People:
Chapel Prayer: **Volunteers Needed**
Kids: Kids Stay in Service

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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

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Paul Dowie, *Rector's Warden*
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Barb Dixon, *Vestry Member*
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