



# ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

**Sunday, May 15, 2022: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. (John 13:34)*



# 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: *All Creatures of our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him, alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along  
O praise Him, alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him alleluia  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit three in One  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

### Penitential Rite

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

#### *Silence is Kept*

**All: Most merciful God, 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.**

Leader: Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people, you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### Morning Prayer

Leader: Lord, open our lips,

**All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

**All:** O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

**Leader:** Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship.

**All:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia! Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

### **The Reading of Scripture**

**Acts 11:1-18** Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who

was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 148 (*Chanted Together*)**

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and wingèd birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, \*  
for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

## **Revelation 21:1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Processional: Revelation Song**

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 13:31-35*

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Reader: The Gospel of Christ.*

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

## **Worship Through Song**

### ***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

*(Chorus)* 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 ev'rything  
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise King  
*(To Ch.)*

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power  
Breath and living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah *(To Ch.)*

### ***Reckless Love***

Before I spoke a word  
You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath  
You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

*(Chorus)* O the overwhelming  
Never-ending, reckless love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming  
Never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah

When I was Your foe  
Still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth  
You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me *(To Ch.)*

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me *(To Ch.)*

## **Listening Time**

## Sermon: Dr. Stephen Martin

### Affirmation of Faith – Hear, O Israel

**All:** Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

### 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: Lukasz Mazurek and Ivy Exconde, Ranji Samuel, and Patti Nicholl; 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.**

### **The Collect**

Leader: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**All: *(Sung)* Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

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### **Congregational Announcements**

#### **Closing Song: *Jesus Is Alive***

There is now a hope that  
Lasts beyond our days  
For the One that once was  
Buried lives again

Now the tomb is bare and empty  
And the stone is rolled away  
Praise the risen One  
Who overcame the grave

All you broken-hearted  
All you worn and weak  
Come find living water  
Everlasting streams  
To the wandering spirit  
Lost and searching  
Wanting something more  
Find the risen King  
Who overcomes the world

Christ is King, for Jesus is alive  
No more condemnation  
No more doubt and fear  
For our sin and shame  
They have no power here  
In His resurrection  
Perfect love has set the captives free  
Praise the risen King  
Who stands in victory (*To Chorus*)

*(Chorus)*

Let there be dancing in the darkness  
And let our song break through the night  
Lift your voice and sing that

Hallelujah death is undone  
Hallelujah Jesus has won  
Hallelujah we overcome  
Oh in Jesus, oh in Jesus (*To Chorus*)

### **The Dismissal**

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

### **Community Corner for May 15**

Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries is an organization located in Vancouver, BC, serving and equipping the Church to support people's mental health and wellbeing. Their flagship program, *The Sanctuary Course*, was created to equip churches as they seek to become sanctuaries where individuals with mental health challenges feel safe, supported, and a sense of belonging. Each session explores key mental health topics, drawing upon the insights of mental health professionals, church leaders, and people with lived experience. Please take a look at their website [sactuarymentalhealth.org](http://sactuarymentalhealth.org) for a brief introduction to their program. We are exploring the possibility of running this course in the fall, to better equip each of us at St Paul's to support mental health and wellbeing. Topics covered include Mental Health, Mental Illness, Stigma, Recovery, Companionship, Caregiving, and Self-Care.

Curators at the **Royal Alberta Museum** periodically host an information session about a particular item in the gallery. This series is called "**UP CLOSE: Stories, Objects and Ideas From Beyond the Galleries.**" On Friday, May 20, 2022 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm, Assistant Collections Curator of Archaeology Karen Giering will share what has been discovered about **Elk Ivory Pendants in Alberta**. Please visit [royalalbertamuseum.ca/RAM-Up-Close](http://royalalbertamuseum.ca/RAM-Up-Close) for more information. Registration is required to attend.

If you would like to be involved in **supporting a Ukrainian family** in some way and are not sure of the options available to you, please let Michelle Schurek know by text 780-222-4431 or email [michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca](mailto:michelle@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.

### **Youth Retreat – Next Weekend!**

The Youth will be attending the Young Sojourners Youth Retreat at the Sorrento Centre next weekend, May 20-23. More info can be found on our [EVENT](#) webpage.

### **LTD Fundraising**

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 about leadership. 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](mailto:mackersmak@gmail.com). For more information, visit <https://gulllakecentre.ca/ltd>

### **Spring Clean at St. Paul's**

During the week of May 29 – June 3, the Spring Clean is an opportunity to do deal with some of the larger cleaning and organizing projects at St. Paul's, as well as to do some special cleaning (kid's toys, windows, etc.). There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer – please sign up if you plan to stop by.

### **St. Paul's Collectible Plate**

The office heard about a collectible plate depicting St. Paul's available for sale. Pictures can be found online at Kijiji [HERE](#). If you are interested, please call Audrey at 780-484-7635.

### **Digital Bulletins**

St. Paul's bulletins are available to view digitally, through a phone, tablet, or computer, and can be accessed on our website under the Sermons tab, or by scanning the **QR Code** at the bulletin stations. As well, there are links throughout the bulletin that will take you to the various websites by clicking underlined headings, including the social media icons at the bottom. On our website we also now have online giving.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:**

Lukasz Mazurek & Ivy Exconde  
Ranji Samuel  
Patti Nicholl

**This Week's Ministry Teams:**

Music/Sound: Asher's Team/John  
Service Team: Anyone Available  
Prayers of the People: Pat Stretch  
Kids: Stay in Service

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Diocese of Moosonee: the Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario); the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop. St. George, Fort Saskatchewan: Aaron Parsall-Myler (s. Erika), Rector. Buyé Diocese, Ngozi (St. John) Parish: Damascene Bagirubwira, Rector and Deo Nkuzimana, Deputy Rector. Kehewin Cree Nation.

**Next Week's Ministry Teams: May 22**

Music/Sound: Adele's Team/George  
Service Team: Green and Friends Team  
Prayers of the People: Terry B.  
Chapel Prayer: Wendell and Nora  
Kids: Carol R.

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**Hours:**

Sundays: Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM  
Monday-Thursday: 9:30-11:30 AM  
Fri-Sun (& Holidays): Office 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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