



ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

Sunday, May 29, 2022: Ascension Sunday

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

REGULAR SERVICES

- Eucharist services: Sundays at 10:00AM
- Morning Prayer Services:
Mon–Sat at 8:00AM on [Zoom](#)
Thursdays are in person at St. Paul's
- Sermons are available on our [Website](#)

- Kid's Ministry: During Sunday Service
- Youth Ministry: During Sunday Service
Bi-weekly on Saturdays
- Small Groups: Speak with Pat Stretch

SERVING ST. PAUL'S

- Join a Ministry Team (Sunday service team, Music team, Children's ministry, Altar guild, Sound/Video, etc.)
- [Giving](#) (regular or one-time): Cash, Cheque, Automatic Debit/Credit, Bank E-Transfer, [Online](#), or [App](#)



LARGE PRINT MATERIALS

Large print Bibles and BAS (Books of Alternative Services) are available at each Sanctuary door.

VISITING TODAY?

We want to get to know you! Please join us for in the Hall for coffee and fellowship following the service. Greeters are also available to help if you have any questions.



Assisted listening is available. Please ask a greeter for assistance.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Respect Others' Preferences. Some individuals care for immunocompromised people; others may be risk averse for other reasons. Also, we wish to care for those around us. Please graciously respect the preferences of others.

Know Current Health Guidelines. If you tested positive for COVID-19 or have new or worsening symptoms, please stay home & follow public health guidelines, you may be required to isolate.

Support. If you are suffering from an infection of 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.

Opening Song: Praise, My Soul

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our forebears in distress;
Praise him still the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,

Rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise the high eternal one.

Angels, help us to adore him;
You behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise with us the God of grace.

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant: There is one body and one Spirit,

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People: One God and Father of all.

Celebrant: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Reading of Scripture

Acts 1:1-11 (pg. 770 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97 (To the tune of Come Thou Fount)

The LORD reigns, let earth be glad, and let the distant shores rejoice.
Clouds and darkness do surround him; just and righteous is His voice.
Righteousness and justice are the sure foundation of His throne.
Fire goes forth, consumes the wicked; all His foes are overthrown.

The world's lit up by His lightning; trem-bling seizes all the earth.
Mountains melt like wax before the LORD, who's Lord of all the earth.
Heav'ns proclaim His righteousness; all peoples do His glory see.
All are shamed who worship idols; worship Him, you gods, humbly!

Zion hears in joyful gladness; towns of Judah all are glad,
Because of Your righteous judgments, O LORD, which have made us glad.
For You are exalted far above all gods that have no worth,
And You are the LORD Most High both here and over all the earth.

Those who love the LORD hate evil, for He guards the lives of those
who are faithful, and delivers them from triumph of their foes.
Light is shed upon the righteous; joy on those upright in heart.
Take joy in the LORD, you righteous; praise unto His name impart.

Ephesians 1:15-23 (pg. 627 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Processional: *Glory*

Oh Glory, glory, glory

Oh Glory, glory, glory
to His name, to His name

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.**

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53 (pg. 749 in the red pew Bible)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Worship Through Song

Glory

Jesus told us when he walked
that he would be delivered
Over to sinful men
and he would be crucified

Jesus said after he rose
He would ascend to the Father
To be at his right hand
And he would be glorified

(Chorus) Oh Glory, glory, glory

This I believe (the Creed)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

(Chorus) I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Oh Glory, glory, glory
to His name, to His name

I see the heavens opened up
I see the son of man standing
At the Father's side
And He is glorified

And those he called to be his own
To be his chosen people
Those he has justified
He also glorified *(To Ch.)*

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high *(To Ch.)*

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Listening Time

Homily: The Rt. Rev. Stephen London

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant: *(BAS pg. 153)* The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: I present Evelyn Mae Brown to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents: I do.

Celebrant: The other candidate will now be presented

Candidate: I present Macreena Amy Schurek for Confirmation

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate: I do.

Celebrant: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for you have called Evie to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servant who is washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint her with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that she may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: **Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

All People: **I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

The Baptism

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Evie your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All: Amen.

Giving the Light.

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Confirmation

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Macreena who has renewed her commitment to Christ. Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant the covenant you made with her at her baptism. Send her forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before her; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Confirmation Blessing.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with her; and so lead her in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that she may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Song: *With Us In Jesus*

Jesus (Jesus)

Mighty God (Mighty God)

You are wonderful (You are wonderful)

Eternal Father (Eternal Father)

Counselor (Counselor)

Eternal Father (Eternal Father)

We Bless your name

Jesus (Jesus)

And worship you, O God

You are Prince of Peace

For your wondrous way

(You are Prince of Peace)

With us in Jesus

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Eternal God,

All: our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Who was, and is, and is to come. Who was, and is, and is to come. Lift up his name with the sound of singing. Lift up his name in all the earth. Lift up your voice and give him glory. For he is worthy to be praised. For he is worthy to be praised. For he is worthy to be praised.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God ... 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 ... 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 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. 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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy and grant us thy peace.

Communion Music

Lord From Your Hand I Take This Bread

Lord from Your hand I take the bread
And from Your cup I drink the wine
You serve forgiveness for my need
You serve Your holy life for mine

I see the cross I see Your face
My God what agony and grief
I see You suffer as You die
I hear You pray it is for Me

Now from Your lips I hear the words
This is My body and My blood
I see the mercy in Your eyes
I see the pain I see the love

O Jesus Savior Holy God
I live and breathe in Your embrace
Lord every moment draw my heart
To love and serve You face to face

More Than We Can Ask or Imagine

More than we can ask or imagine,
More than we can ever dare to dream
We are the children of heaven's creation
God's own beloved each called by name

We are sent to walk with compassion
To live out God's love
By heart and by hand *(To Ch.)*

(Chorus) And we cry
Glory! (Glory). Glory! (Glory)

More than we can ask or imagine
More than we could ever desire
Out of the dust God's building
A kingdom like wine from the press
Like bread from the fire *(To Ch.)*

More than we will ever imagine
More than we will ever understand

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Eternal Giver of love and power,

All: your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our 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 (David P.)

Closing Song: *From the Sun's Rising*

From the sun's rising
Unto the sun's setting
Jesus our Lord shall be great in the earth
And all earth's kingdoms
Shall be His dominion
All of creation shall sing of His worth

To every tongue tribe
And nation He sends us
To make disciples to teach and baptise
For all authority to Him is given
Now as His witnesses we shall arise
(*To Ch.*)

(*Chorus*) Let every heart every voice
Every tongue join with spirits ablaze
One in His love we will circle the world
With the song of His praise
O let all His people rejoice
And let all the earth hear His voice

Come let us join with the
Church from all nations
Cross every border
Throw wide every door
Workers with Him
As He gathers His harvest
Till earth's far corners our Saviour adore
(*To Ch.*)

The Dismissal

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!

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. 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.

Community Corner for May 29

Year End Picnic at St Paul's Please join us for our Year End Picnic after church on Sunday June 26, 2022. Come out for some time together as we launch into summer. There will be adventures, games and prizes! We look forward to seeing you all. Location TBD – either at St Paul's (if the kitchen is ready) or down at Wilfred Laurier Park (by the Valley Zoo).

Table Top Adventures – June 3 6:30-8:30 pm – Join us this Friday at St Paul's for fellowship and fun! We are all set up with a fantastic library of board games and puzzles for you to come enjoy. Bring a snack and beverage to share, and any other table top activity you might want to do - card making, model building, even homework is an option. Come out for a fun evening of creativity, laughter and play.

Downtown Spark is here! Running from May 26 to June 5, 2022, this year's festival is even bigger and better with plenty of things to see, from art installations to daily musical performances, food trucks and street parties. The second annual arts festival will feature inflatable art sculptures from the UK-based Designs in Air and a new installation from Edmonton-based Vignettes. Rice Howard Way and Alex Decouteau Park will be home to this year's art installations. Festival-goers are encouraged to walk from one site to another and enjoy performers and food trucks at Alex Decouteau Park. Running over two weekends, Downtown Spark will feature free family-friendly (and even pet-friendly) events each Saturday. For more information, visit [Downtown Spark](#).

Church Picnic

St. Paul's is planning our church Picnic for June 26th at Laurier Park. Please join us after the service for food, games, and fellowship!

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

James Parker and Olga Elizarova (Sophia)
RJ and Janette Chambers
Gene and Kay Wannamaker

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music/Sound: Jodi's Team/Chandra
Service Team: Parker Team
Prayers of the People: Christine P.
Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat
Kids: Carol R.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Niagara: the Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop. Emmanuel, Gibbons and St. Mary, Redwater: Anthony Kwaw (s. Denise), Rector. Buyé Diocese, Gitobe Parish: Joseph Hakizimana, Rector. Montana First Nation.

Next Week's Ministry Teams: June 5

Music: Andrew's Team
Sound: Yohanna
Service Team: Jackson Team
Prayers of the People: Renee J.
Chapel Prayer: Laurier, Terry, Kjeryn
Kids: Renee J.

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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*
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David Parker, *Vestry Member*
Connie Pistawka, *Vestry Member*

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