Order of Service for September 29, 2024
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Feast of St. Michael & All Angels
Celebration of Holy Eucharist
10:00 am
Celebrating: The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles
Preaching: The Ven. Jacqui Durand

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Gathering of the Community

Pre-Service Music: Lord, Be Glorified (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn: Common Praise (Blue Book—CP) # 272
Christ, the Fair Glory of the Holy Angels (screens)

The Gathering of the Community

(screens)

Collects of the Day (screens)

Children's Song Jesus Hokey Pokey (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Genesis 28:10-17

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

Psalm 103: 19-22. . . . . p. 842 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!' Revelation 12:7-12

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

Gradual Hymn: There is a Redeemer (screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People: ***Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***
Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.' John 1:47-31

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***
Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Homily: The Ven. Jacqui Durand

An Affirmation of Faith (screens)

The Prayers of the People (screens)
(The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

Confession and Absolution . . . . p. 191 (screens)

The Peace . . . . p. 192 (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP # 326 Bright the Vision That Delighted (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts (screens)
Eucharistic Prayer (screens)

The Lord's Prayer . . . . . .p. 211 (screens)
The Breaking of the Bread (screens)

The Communion . . . . . .p. 213 (screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

Communion Hymns (screens)**:** Make Me a Servant; Prayer of St. Francis; Freely, Freely

Hymn after Communion (Please Stand): Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (screens)

Prayer after Communion. . . . . p. 382 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn: CP # 408 Wind Upon the Waters (screens)

Sending (screens)

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Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.

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Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the ***Church of Pakistan (United) .***

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: in the Anglican Church we pray for ***the Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia;*** and in the Lutheran Church we pray for ***The dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod. Together we remember missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people and their families, and pray for an end to gender-based violence.***

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people of the parish of ***St. Ambrose, Redcliff*** and for ***The Rev. Deacon Eldean Parnell.*** We also pray for ***the Council for Urban Indigenous Ministry.***

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for ***David, Rae Koen and Dawson; Phyllis Kirsten, Michael, Samantha, Cassandra and Daniel; Bill and Kerin;*** and for our clergy Tony Hilling, Norman Knowles, Betty Nadurak, and Cyril Haynes and their families***.***

We pray for our foster child Desta Keweti.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Robbie; Patrick***;*** Josh; Irma (mother of Rick); Stephen & Gloria***;*** Verna; Dennis; Bob & Joanne; Margaret; Marlene; Michael; Scott & M'Laurel; Valma; Kerin; Regina; Obiageli Gloria. **For those grieving:** Tracy and family; Gina and family; Pat and family; Joan and family; Betty and family; ***for those approaching surgery.*** **We thank you** for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

We pray for *all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil* by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that respect and honour all of God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes**. We stand in** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of our risen Lord by Joan McCartney in loving memory of Terry McCartney to celebrate his birthday. He is remembered by Joan and family.