



St. Paul's Anglican Church

" Connecting people with God and each other "

Sunday, January 2, 2022: 2nd Sunday After Christmas

*Glory to Christ who is preached among the nations,
and believed on in the world (1 Timothy 3:16)*



ST. PAUL'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

Welcome!! During this unique time in history, services will look a bit different than normal. We want to care for the whole parish during this time and one way to care for one another is keeping each other safe. As such, we ask you to follow these guidelines while worshipping with us:

- **Experiencing Cough, Fever, or Other Symptom/s?** Go home immediately and please stay home for fourteen days following the end of your symptoms.
- **Wear a Mask.** All parishioners must wear a mask to all services (as per City of Edmonton bylaw 19408). Exceptions to this include children under the age of two and those with a medical condition where wearing a mask is not possible. Masks may be removed when taking communion but must be replaced immediately following. If you do not have a mask, we have cloth masks available in the foyer.
- **Maintain Physical Distance.** At all times, please remain a minimum of six feet (three seat spaces) from all other individuals not part of your family unit. You will find tape on the floor six feet apart in multiple locations to help you maintain this distance. Please also maintain physical distance outside.
- **Listen to the Ushers.** There will be ushers inside and outside to help direct these new procedures. Please heed their direction as they are trying to keep everyone safe and healthy.
- **Sanitize Hands Frequently.** Please sanitize your hands upon entry and before taking communion. You may also sanitize as often as you would like during the service. Please also try to refrain from touching surfaces and your face.
- **Recycle Bulletins.** Please do not leave bulletins in the pews. A recycle bin is available at each exit. You may also take the bulletin home.

Opening Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

(Chorus) O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest
(To Chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing *(To Chorus)*

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: God of power and life, the glory of all who believe in you, fill the world with your splendour and show the nations the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Children's Focus

The Reading of Scripture

Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With

weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Psalm 147:12-20



(Refrain)

The Lord is good, mighty in power

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He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes. *(Refrain)*

But the Lord has pleasure in those who
fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favour.

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion; *(Refrain)*

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters
flow.

For he has strengthened the bars of your
gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
He has established peace on your borders*
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgements to Israel.
He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his
judgements. Hallelujah! *(Refrain)*

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional: What Child Is This

This, this is Christ the King

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing

Haste, haste to bring Him laud

The Babe, the Son of Mary!

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 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not

the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Worship Through Song

What Child Is This

What Child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ, the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come, peasant, king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise, raise a song on high
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary

What Can I Do (Christmas Version)

From the high and holy to a manger lowly
The greatest mystery
The world has ever known
How You left Your majesty
To embrace humanity
It awes and humbles me
To be loved by a God so high

(Chorus) What can I do but thank You
What can I do but give my life to You
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

What can I do but praise You
Every day make everything I do
A hallelujah, A hallelujah, hallelujah

To the least and lowest
You became as one with us
In our grief and brokenness
You suffered by our side
From a cradle to the cross
Rising up victorious
The Messiah Jesus
Born to us on that holy night *(To Chorus)*

Listening Time

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Myron Penner

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Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the People

Leader: In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, “Lord, grant us peace.” By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord. Lord, grant us peace. By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Leader: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace. 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: Have mercy upon us,
All: **most merciful Father; in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Song: What Love, My God

What love my God	What love my God
Would bring you down to earth?	Could hold you to the tree
What king would take a low and lonely birth?	To bear that overwhelming debt for me?
Yet to this dark and broken place you came	The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side
To sleep beneath	The Healer bleeds
The stars that you had made	The Life was made to die
What love my God	What love my God, so gracious and extreme,
Would send the Way of Life?	Was strong enough
To walk the road, rejected and despised?	To come and fight for me?
That you might know	To go through hell and down into the grave
The weakness I possess	And raise me up to see you face to face
And be my rock	You raise me up to see you face to face
Of strength and righteousness	<i>(To Chorus)</i>

(Chorus) Oh Your love, my God like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us
O praise the King who came to the world
In his love like a mighty flood

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Source of love and life,

All: receive all we offer you this day, and through the coming of your Son, help us to see in others him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore, with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest. 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 as we sing,

All: (Sung) 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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

God With Us

You've come to bring peace

To be love, to be nearer to us

You've come to bring life

To be light, to shine brighter in us

Oh Emmanuel, God with us

You've come to be hope to this world

For Your honour and name

You've come to take sin to bear shame

And to conquer the grave

Oh Emmanuel, God with us *(To Chorus)*

(Chorus) Our Deliverer, You are Savior

In Your presence we find our strength

Over everything, our redemption

God with us, You are God with us

You are here, You are holy

We are standing in Your glory *(Repeat x3)*

(To Chorus)

Overcome

I can hear the roar it's a mighty sound

Your love is an avalanche

I'm overcome, I'm overcome

With a crash I'm tumbling down

I'm wildly moved and I'm overcome

I'm overcome

Everything I could want

Is found in Your love

I'm taken away by a river of peace

On this starlit night

I'm overcome, I'm overcome

I'm lost in the glow of Your majesty

Oh my God how You captivate

I'm overcome, I'm overcome

(To Chorus)

(Chorus)

By Your grace, Your love, Your peace

You're enough, You're all I need

Like a snowfall that blankets the earth
My sin has been covered
And I'm overcome, I'm overcome
The price has been paid
The war is already won
The blood of my Savior was shed
Oh He's overcome, and I'm overcome

(Ch.) By Your grace, Your love, Your peace
You're enough, You're all I need
Everything I could want
Is found in Your love
Your love, Your love, Your love
You're all I need
Everything I could want

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Light eternal,

All: you have nourished us in the mystery of the body and blood of your Son. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your word, in the name of 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

Closing Song: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee

Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blessed
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine

Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine
Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us,

Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing, march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**



Community Corner for January 2

What's up in Grovenor, the community where our Parish is located? Please read the Grovenor Community League Winter Newsletter <http://www.grovenor.ca/uploads/4/7/2/5/47250293/combinepdf.pdf> Stay up to date on what's going on in your neighbourhood too, by visiting your Community League's website or the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues <https://efcl.org/>

Keep active while its cold! Thankfully we have many activities to access for getting fit, whether walking, skating or going to one of our recreational centres. Consider recruiting a friend for a walk at one of Edmonton's many malls during this cold snap. Looking for a program you can do at home? West End Seniors Centre has an 8-week YouTube program you can do at your leisure. You don't have to be a senior to benefit from this <https://www.weseniors.ca/resources/8-week-fitness-program-for-seniors/>

Table Top Adventures

Table Top Adventures (aka Games Night), typically planned for the first Friday of each month, is cancelled for January 7, 2022 because of the Omicron variant.

Volunteering

If you have been thinking about getting involved in our church life and the services, please contact the office. This is a great way to get to know other parishioners!

2022 Offering Envelopes

2022 offering envelopes are now available for pick up from the Office. If you would like envelopes or would like to stop getting envelopes, please contact the office.

Contacting the Office?

Having trouble emailing the office? Some people have stated that emailing the office didn't work. If that's happening for you, please delete and re-add the church as a contact in your address book with office@stpauls-anglican.ca
You can also email Asher directly at asher@stpauls-anglican.ca

Daily Morning Prayer

Beginning tomorrow! Please join us every day at 8am for morning prayer on Zoom, except Thursdays and Sundays. Every Thursday we will meet at St. Paul's in the Chapel to pray and discuss Joan Chittister's *Wisdom Distilled from the Daily*. For morning prayer, we are using the Morning Prayer Service in the BAS. If you would like more information, please talk to Myron or contact the office. The Zoom information is included here and is also available on the website.

Meeting ID: 890 1287 7222. Passcode: 000636

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

Dan & Natalie Lowe
(Joelle, Maara, & Abigail)
Gary & Carol George
Michael Doku

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music/Sound: Asher's Team / John
Service Team: Heritage Team
Prayers of the People: David H.
Chapel Prayer: Wendell and Nora J.
Kids: Kids stay in service

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Yukon: the Rt. Rev. Lesley
Wheeler-Dame, Bishop. Holy Trinity
Riverbend: Rebecca Harris (s. Ian), Priest-in-
Charge; Elisabeth Thompson (s. Chris
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Cold Lake First Nations.

Next Week's Ministry Teams: Jan 9

Music/Sound: Adele / Jenna
Service Team: B Team
Prayers of the People: Nancy W-S
Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat
Kids: Carol R.

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