

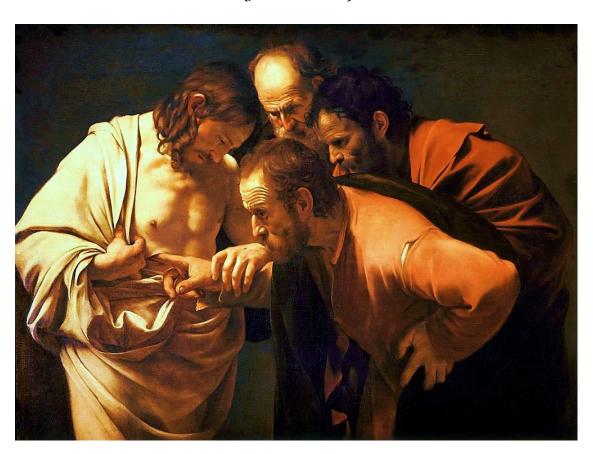
ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

Sunday, April 24, 2022: Second Sunday of Easter

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. (John 20:29)



Welcome To St. Paul's!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

St. Paul's leadership has a plan for returning to pre-Covid worship practices in response to directions received for our Bishop. These guidelines are updated accordingly. Please 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, please stay home and follow public health guidelines, you
 may still be legally required to isolate. If you have new or worsening
 symptoms (Cough, Sore Throat, Fever, Shortness of Breath, Loss of
 Taste or Smell), please do not attend church.
- **Keep Us Informed.** Please inform the office if you have tested positive for, or been exposed to, COVID-19. Your identity will not be revealed, but this information is helpful for us so that we can support you.
- **Consider Masking**. St. Paul's does still encourage masking for anyone that wishes to safeguard against infection, although they are not mandatory. We have masks available at both entrances.
- Physical Distancing. St. Paul's does still encourage 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: Resurrection Hymn

See what a morning gloriously bright With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem

Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light

As the angels announce Christ is risen

See God's salvation plan wrought in love

Borne in pain paid in sacrifice

Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives

Christ is risen from the dead

certainty

One with the Father Ancient of Days Through the Spirit who clothes faith with

Honour and blessing glory and praise

To the King crowned with pow'r and authority

Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us

For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

And we are raised with Him

Will sound till He appears

Death is dead love has won Christ has

conquered

And we shall reign with Him

For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb Hears a voice speaking calling her name

It's the Master the Lord raised to life again

The voice that spans the years

The Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Celebrant:

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: 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: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the

> hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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

Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to

bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

Psalm 118:14-29



Refrain: Give thanks for the Lord is good. God's love is everlasting

The Lord is my strength and my song
And he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory in
the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
The right hand of the Lord is exalted"
The right hand of the Lord has triumphed.
(Refrain)

I shall not die, but live And declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely But he did not hand me over to death. (Refrain)

Open for me the gates of righteousness I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord "This is the gate of the Lord; all who are righteous may enter." (*Refrain*)

I will give thanks to you for you answered me And have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. (Refrain)

This is the Lord's doing,
And it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. (*Refrain*)

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success. Blesed is he who comes inthe name of the Lord We bless you from the house of the Lord. (Refrain)

God is the Lord; He has shined upon us; Form a procession with branches Up to the horns of the altar. *(Refrain)*

"You are my God, and I will thank you; You are my God, and I will exalt you." Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His mercy endures for ever. (*Refrain*)

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his

throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Gospel Processional: Lord I Need You

Lord I need You oh I need You My one defense my righteousness

Ev'ry hour I need You Oh God how I need You

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 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which

are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Through Song What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a wonderful Name it is Nothing compares to this

Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus

(Chorus) Lord I need You, oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me *(Chorus)*

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay *(Chorus)* What a wonderful Name it is
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Listening Time

<u>sermon: Kev. Dr. Myron Femler</u>		

The Apostle's Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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.

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: Paul and

Jennifer Jacquier (Caroline), Margarette Sheppy, Margaret Ushko; 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.

People: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Song: Christ Arose

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Saviour Vainly they watch His bed,

Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord

(Chorus) Up from the grave He arose (To Chorus)

With a mighty triumph o'er His foes

He arose a victor from the dark domain Death cannot keep his prey,

And He lives forever Jesus my Saviour

With His saints to reign

He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord

He arose, He arose, Hallelujah, Christ arose (To Chorus)

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of grace,

All: you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through 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 for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus

Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise 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, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Celebrant:

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,

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.

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.

People: 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

Behold The Lamb

See Him there the great I Am

Lifted up on Calv'ry's hill

A crown of thorns upon His head We cursed Your name and even still You bore our shame and paid the cost O God, we thank You for the cross O God, we thank You for the cross

(Chorus) Behold the Lamb The story of redemption Written on His hands Jesus You will reign forevermore

The victory is Yours We sing Your praise

Endless hallelujahs to Your holy name Jesus You will reign forevermore

The victory is Yours

Offer up this sacrifice

For ev'ry sin our Savior died The Lord of Life can't be contained Our God has risen from the grave

Oh our God has risen from the grave

(Chorus)

When the age of death is done We'll see Your face bright as the sun We'll bow before the King of kings O God forever we will sing (To Chorus)

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior Precious Redeemer and Friend Who would have thought that a Lamb Could rescue the souls of men Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor Comforter Keeper Spirit we long to embrace You offer hope when our hearts Have hopelessly lost the way Oh we hopelessly lost the way (To Chorus)

(Chorus) You are the One that we praise You are the One we adore You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for Oh our hearts always hunger for

Almighty infinite Father Faithfully loving Your own Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne Oh we're falling before Your throne (To Chorus)

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Father.

we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of All:

life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each

other; through 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 (Paul D.)

Closing Song: Lord I Lift Your Name On High

(Chorus) You came from heaven to earth

Lord I lift Your name on high To show the way

Lord I love to sing Your praises From the earth to the cross

I'm so glad You're in my life My debt to pay

I'm so glad You came to save us

From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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!

Community Corner for April 24

The **Edmonton Music & Speech Arts Festival** is underway, giving thousands of music students, actors, musicians and music lovers the opportunity to perform and improve their craft. This year the performances are offered in a mix of live and online concerts. This festival runs April 19 – May 1, 2022. For more information please visit https://www.emsaf.ca/

As we each continue to do our part in **working towards reconciliation**, there are many resources to help us with learning the history that has brought us to this point. One of the resources that gives a comprehensive outline in an accessible format is the book "First Peoples – A Guide for Newcomers", created by the City of Vancouver. Click <u>HERE</u> to access the full text.

Do you have a **special event or fundraising** initiative you would like to highlight in Community Corner? Please let Michelle know through email <u>michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca</u> or in-person on Sunday mornings.

Youth Bake Sale Today!

This Sunday after the service, the Youth will be holding a bake sale as a fundraiser for their retreat to Sorrento Center. Much of the funds for the retreat have been supplied by a grant from the Anglican Foundation of Canada. This fundraiser is specifically to cover transportation to the center in beautiful British Columbia.

Guess Who's Coming to Visit? – Today!

Guess who's coming to visit? Inspired by the movie "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" we organized a fun event for Sunday, April 24. Registration is now closed.

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.

Byers Hike for Hospice

Team Byer Buckaroos are getting in shape for this year's Hike for Hospice on April 30, 2022! Pilgrims Hospice is funded almost entirely by private donations, so fundraisers such as the Hike for Hospice are key to enabling families to access their services free of charge. Please consider donating towards the Byer Buckaroos goal of \$1500.

Donations can be handled online <u>HERE</u> (to Byer Buckaroos!), or you can contact Margot directly at <u>margot.byer@gmail.com</u>.

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

30 Days of Prayer

30 Days invites Christians to pray with love and respect for Muslim peoples around the world. In doing so we hope to see Christians gain a better understanding about Muslim people, their faith and their various, diverse cultures; increases in efforts to respond with love and compassion to the needs of Muslims, and greater interest in Jesus among Muslim peoples. This happens with an annual prayer event coinciding with Ramadan each year and a prayer guide that enables Christians to pray regularly. pray30days.org/product/30-days-of-prayer-2022-pdf

Hope Mission Water Bottles

Hope Mission hands out many bottles of water every day, more than 9 flats a day. We will be collecting flats of water at the church up to and including April 24, after which they will be delivered to Hope Mission. Please help us reach our goal of 50 flats. Contact Michelle if you are able to donate to this. Curious about Hope Mission? Please visit www.hopemission.com to learn more.

Giving Options

St. Paul's has now added online giving, and also has the same previous giving options. All information can be found on our Website under <u>GIVING</u>, or you can email the office for more information.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:

Paul and Jennifer Jacquier (Caroline) Margarette Sheppy Margaret Ushko

This Week's Ministry Teams:

Music/Sound: RJ's Team/Asher Service Team: Tilburn Team Prayers of the People: Jennifer B. Chapel Prayer: Dudley and Pat Kids: Ryan Y.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Diocese of Kootenay: the Most Rev. Lynne
McNaughton, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the
Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon). St.
Timothy, Edmonton: Clare Stewart (s. Jennifer
Renouf), Priest-in-Charge; Jennifer Renouf (s.
Clare Stewart), Donald Gray, Honorary
Assistants; RJ Chambers, Parish Administrator.
Buyé Diocese, All Saints' Cathedral: Jean
Berchmans Mweningoma, Dean; and Alfred
Uwimanihaye, Rector. Enoch Cree Nation.

Next Week's Ministry Teams: May 1

Music/Sound:Andrew's Team/Yohanna Service Team: Heritage Team Prayers of the People: David H. Chapel Prayer: Wendell and Nora Kids: Ryan Y.

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