

Sunday, August 9, 2020: 10th Sunday After Pentecost

*I wait for the Lord; in his word is my hope. (Psalm 130:4)*



ST. PAUL’S COVID-19 RESPONSE

**Welcome!!** During this unique time in history, services will look a bit different than normal and will likely be different for quite a while. 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 worshiping with us:

* **Experiencing Cough, Fever, or Other Symptom/s?** Go home immediately andplease 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.
* **Sign-In Upon Arrival.** Please sign-in with the designated usher when you arrive onsite. This will help us track who is in attendance just in case we do have to notify the parish if someone tests Covid positive following a service.
* **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.
* **Refrain from Singing.** At this time, congregational singing is not allowed by the government of Alberta. Please listen to the lyrics being sung by the leader/s and meditate upon them. You may also hum along to the music as long as your mouth remains closed.
* **Recycle Bulletins.** Please do not leave bulletins in the pews. A recycle bin is available at the exit door. You may also take the bulletin home.
* **Use of Washroom.** The only washroom available at this time is located at the back of the Sanctuary (just North of the Main Entry doors). Please wipe down all surfaces (including toilet and handle, counter, and faucet) following use.
* **Parts of Building Closed.** At this time, the only accessible parts of the building are the Sanctuary, Sanctuary washroom, and alley foyer. All other rooms are closed for use including the main washrooms, hall, basement, and chapel. Please do not access any closed section of the building without permission.

**Opening Song: *O Worship the King***

O worship the King all glorious above  
And gratefully sing

His power and His love  
Our Shield and Defender

The Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor

And girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light

Whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath

The deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path

On the wings of the storm

The earth with its store

Of wonders untold  
Almighty Thy power hath founded of old  
Established it fast

By a changeless decree  
And round it hath cast

Like a mantle the sea

O measureless might, ineffable love  
While angels delight

To worship Thee above  
The humbler creation

Though feeble their lays  
With true adoration

Shall all sing Thy praise

**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: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen**.

**The Reading of Scripture**

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

*Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me."So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" --that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

*Give thanks unto the Lord and call on   
 His name everyone!  
Make known among the nations all the   
 wondrous things He’s done.  
Sing unto Him, sing praise to Him—tell   
 of His wondrous deeds.  
Rejoice and glory in His name, all those   
 who the Lord seek.*

*Look to the Lord and to His strength,   
 and seek His face always;  
Remember wonders He has done for which we give Him praise.  
The miracles which His hand wrought and judgments He decreed;  
O Abraham’s and Jacob’s seed, His chosen ones indeed.*

*He called down famine on the land, destroyed their food supply;  
Sent Joseph on before them, sold to slav’ry with a lie.  
They bruised his feet with shackles, put his neck in irons, too;  
Till what he’d said all came to pass; the Lord’s word proved him true.*

*The king sent and released him then, the ruler set him free;  
He made him master of his house, a ruler then was he.  
He taught the princes as he pleased, instruction he did give;*

*O praise the Lord, remember well; O praise Him, peoples all!*

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

*Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Processional Chorus – *10,000 Reasons***

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy 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. Matthew.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

*Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Worship Through Song**

***10,000 Reasons***

(*Chorus*)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up

It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing

When the evening comes (*To Chorus*)

You're rich in love

And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great

And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness

I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons

For my heart to find (*To Chorus*)

And on that day

When my strength is failing  
The end draws near

And my time has come  
Still my soul will sing

Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years

And then forevermore

***Oceans***

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown, where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand

(*Chorus*) And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail

And fear surrounds me  
You've never failed

And You won't start now (To *Chorus*)

Spirit lead me

Where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper

Than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour

(*To Chorus*)

**Listening Time**

**Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Myron B. Penner – Sermon Notes:**

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**Affirmation of Faith – Trust and Let Go**

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: We believe in God, who creates us, who sustains us each moment, who is our life and our breath. We follow Christ, who showed us God. He received and shared God’s grace. He trusted God in everything. He let go of things so that he might cling to Life. He let go of life, so that he might hold onto Love. He gave of himself, even his very life, for the sake of the healing of the world. And though he was crucified, God have him life again; and he rose and is still among us in a new way. We live by the Holy Spirit, which alone gives us life. We rejoice in the church, the Body of Christ, and in the oneness of all life, the gift of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. By the power of that Holy Spirit, and in the name of Christ, we devote ourselves to give generously of all that we receive, for the sake of the healing of the world, and the eternal glory of God. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Reader: Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.” Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for Jane our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. Lord, hear our prayer. We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for this city and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women. Remembering also those in our St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer: James Parker and Olga Elizarova and Sophia; Jim and Darlene Robertson; Gay Gering; as well as of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: that you will show your goodwill to all.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for those preparing for baptism and confirmation and for those recently baptized or confirmed: that they may be strengthened in the faith.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.** **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: *(pg. 191)* 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:Almighty God,

**All: Creator of the living and the non-living, you marvellously made us in your own image, but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness, by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this 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.**

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

Celebrant: Father,

**All: receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name 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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All:** ***(Said)*** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,   
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.   
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.   
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.” In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.” Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: *(Said)* Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

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. Please sanitize your hands as you approach the front of the church. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest. If you would like to make an offering, please do so after you take the bread.*

**Lamb of God**

*(Said by congregation)* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

**Communion Music – *Special Music***

**Prayer After Communion**

Celebrant: Eternal God,

**All: grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 *(Rev. Myron)***

**Closing Song: *Blessed Be Your Name***

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

(*Pre-Chorus*)

Every blessing You pour out

I’ll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

(*Chorus*)

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

(*To Pre-Chorus, then Chorus*)

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name (*To Chorus*)

**The Dismissal**Celebrant: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

**Masks Required Onsite**

With the Mask Bylaw in Edmonton now in effect, all visitors to the building will be required to mask, including for Sunday services (unless there is a medical condition which makes masking difficult). Masking will be required in all common areas such as hallways (as the daycare staff and children sometimes come through those spaces). If you do not have a mask, please take one upon entry and mask at that time.

The office door will remain closed during office hours to allow staff to mask prior to any visitor’s entry. If coming on a Tuesday or Thursday, please allow RJ to mask prior to entering the office. Once his mask is in place, you may enter.

With the exception of when Rev. Myron will be away (as mentioned above), the office will remain open during office hours – even while the Mask Bylaw is in effect.

If you have any questions regarding this new law, please contact the office.

**Rev. Myron Away August 10-17**

Rev. Myron will be away August 10-17. In his absence, the office will only be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30AM-noon.



**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Diocese of Quebec; the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop. Good Shepherd, Edmonton: Jordan Ware (s. Derek), Rector; Tom Dean (s. Linda) and Maude Parsons-Hörst (s. Ron), Honorary Assistants. Buyé Diocese, Mwendo Parish: Jean De Dieu Nzobarinda, Rector. Ermineskin Cree Nation.

**Next Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music: Andrew and Team

Service Team: Parker and Heritage Teams

Reader/Prayers: Rick and Barb

**This Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music: Adele and Team

Service Team: Green and Tilburn

Reader/Prayers: Francis and Jennifer

**St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer:**

James Parker and Olga Elizarova   
and Sophia;

Jim and Darlene Robertson;

Gay Gering

**St. Paul’s Staff:**

*Rector:* The Rev. Myron B. Penner  
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*Youth Leader:* Victoria Eeles

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John Green, *Vestry Member*

Deanna Kalles, *Vestry Member*

David Parker, *Vestry Member*

Carol Rudat, *Vestry Member*

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