

St. PAUL'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH



A Parish of
The Diocese of
New Westminster
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

LIVESTREAM SUNDAY WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – SERVICE OF THE WORD
JANUARY 31, 2021 AT 10:00 AM

BEFORE THE SERVICE

Welcome to our Online Service. In preparation, you may want to think about posture and your environment at home. You may find it helpful to light a candle, place or hold a cross...whatever is helpful.

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE *a selection of Music may be played.*

THE GREETING & WELCOME

Minister The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
 be with you all

All **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Minister will informally introduce the Confession.

Silence is kept.

Minister Dear friends in Christ,
 as we turn our hearts and minds
 to worship almighty God,
 let us confess our sins.

All **Most merciful God,**
 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.**

Minister 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.

All Amen.

THE COLLECT (*Special Prayer*) OF THE DAY

Minister Living God,
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Minister Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures.

All Our hearts and minds are open.

FIRST READING

DUANE LAWRENCE

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."
DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

DUANE LAWRENCE

Reader A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge.

Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.
I CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

DUANE LAWRENCE

Reader +The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. MARK 1:21-28

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

MARGARET TRIM

After the Sermon there will be a period of time for reflection.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister Let us give voice to our convictions and substance to our hopes.
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.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

GEORGE SCHWAB

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All **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 forever. Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

Minister 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Minister Now go in peace, do what God wills, follow where Christ calls, pray for the gifts of the Spirit; and may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

If you would like to join us for a virtual coffee hour on Zoom, please go to
<https://bit.ly/2Sj3gZ4> Meeting ID: 240 454 925drg