

St. PAUL'S  
ANGLICAN CHURCH



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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**APRIL 11, 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** JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

**THE GREETING**

*The minister makes the Territorial Acknowledgement and greets the people informally.*

*Minister* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Minister* Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**All** He has given us new life and hope.  
He has raised Jesus from the dead.

*Minister* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**All** Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## CONFESSION

*Minister* Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

*Minister* We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

*Minister* We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

*Minister* Merciful God,  
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Minister* 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.

**All Amen**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

STEPHEN MACDONALD

*Reader* A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ACTS 4:32-35

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

*Musical Interlude*

### SECOND READING

STEPHEN MACDONALD

*Reader* A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

I JOHN 1:1-2:2

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

*Musical Interlude*

**THE GOSPEL**

**STEPHEN MACDONALD**

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

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. JOHN 20:19-31

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

**HOMILY**

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

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Minister* Let us confess our faith 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**

## **ROYAL GARREN**

### **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.**

## 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 Minister gives the Announcements.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Minister*      May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life;  
and the blessing of God, Creator,  
Redeemer and Sustainer of Life,  
be with you always.  
**All**              **Amen.**

*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/3hM6u2Z>      Meeting ID: 240 454 925      Passcode: 153936*