

St. PAUL'S  
ANGLICAN CHURCH



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

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – SERVICE OF THE WORD  
MAY 9, 2021 AT 10.00 AM**

*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** *Music will be played as part of our preparation for worship*

**THE GREETING**

*The minister makes the Territorial Acknowledgement and greets the people informally and then continues*

*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* Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
riches beyond imagination.  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen**



may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

JOHN 15:9-17

*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**

Jack Wood

## 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* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*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*