

ORDER OF SERVICE  
October 18, 2020 - Pentecost 20

INTRODUCTION

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Good morning everyone. This is Fr. Dean Mercer and I welcome you as the parish of St. Paul's gathers on the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost. Separated physically, we join in spirit, sharing in the joy of the resurrection of our Lord.

Reading the lessons is Cliff Seenan. The reflection is offered by The Rev'd Dr. Annette Brownlee. The anthem is performed by U4ia. And the litany is led by Nailah Abel.

So let us hear Holy Scripture, reflect and pray together, and open our hearts to the Living Word, Jesus Christ - our risen Saviour and Lord.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

LESSONS

First Reading

EXODUS 33:12-23

READER: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

READER: Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading

MATTHEW 22:15-22

READER: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

LITANY (#4)

Litanist: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy."

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying:  
show them your kindness and mercy.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against  
exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and  
find joy together.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER & BLESSING

Leader: And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## NOTES FROM ST. PAUL'S - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020

### **Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive**

Please consider a gift to the Agincourt Community Services Food bank during our annual Thanksgiving food drive. And this note - you can make your financial donation directly by contacting ACSA, or you can make it through St. Paul's by using your envelopes and indicating that it is a "special" offering for "The ACSA foodbank". Doing it through St. Paul's eliminates the commission fee for making a donation by credit card as well as contributing to the total gift from St. Paul's to ACSA. Donations will be accepted until the end of October.

### **Faithworks Reminder - A note from Peter Mentis, Director**

. . . As we enter the final quarter of this year's FaithWorks campaign, I'd like to give you a brief update. To date we have raised \$710,000, almost half of this year's goal of \$1,500,000. On a monthly basis we are ahead of last year by almost 30%. Individual donations to date are \$299,000, up by 42% over all of last year. This increase so far is due to a generous response to our appeals and the pandemic. Also, the Easter Appeal was conducted online for the first time as well as by direct mail. Thank God, people want to help!

But we are still short of our 2020 goal of \$1.5 million. This final quarter is the season of parish campaigns. To give us added inspiration to reach our goal a generous donor has offered a \$100,000 matching challenge grant for increases in parish contributions over last year. Will you be able to help FaithWorks take advantage of the opportunity this matching challenge grant offers us?

*At St. Paul's, last year's total was \$5850. So far, about \$4000 has been raised.*

### **Notes from Outreach**

A couple of notes on behalf of the Outreach Committee. Several things are in the works, but these are starting to roll.

First, the annual Outreach Walk-a-thon has been adapted. We are asking walkers:

- 1) To signup - (call the office or send an email)
- 2) To collect sponsorships as usual,
- 3) to complete a 6 kilometer walk on their own (which is the distance of our usual walk),
- 4) and then to hand in forms, donations and pledges on All Saints Day - Sunday, November 1.
- 5) And . . . take a picture and send it in (stpl@stpl.ca). We'll create a collection of all the trails our walkers walked.

The sponsorship form is available from the office or online: [www.stpl.ca/outreach.html](http://www.stpl.ca/outreach.html)

Secondly, start looking ahead for a "Virtual Maytime Melodies Concert" of St. Paul's musicians, with proceeds to Outreach.

For more information, contact the office or Kathy.

## **The Doors of St. Paul's Have Re-opened**

In a series of careful steps, the doors are re-opening and services and programs are being resumed - starting with Sunday Services. We are working toward the resumption of other services and programs. However, because the virus remains active, safety guidelines are in effect and all online services will continue for the foreseeable future.

Four services are offered in the church. Ninety (90) people, which is 30% of capacity, are allowed in the church proper - main floor and balcony - at any one time. The hall, kitchen and rooms downstairs remain closed.

Sunday Schedule:

8.00 a.m. (at the church)

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10.00 a.m. - Sunday School (online - see the church calendar)

10.30 a.m. - English service (online - see the church calendar)

1.00 p.m. (Chinese)

3.45 p.m. (Tamil) - also being streamed.

6.00 p.m. - Evening Prayer (online - see the church calendar)

Morning Prayer will continue to be offered on Zoom, Monday through Saturday, as of September 13th. Sunday School and the Sunday recording will continue to be offered.

### *Safety Guidelines*

St. Paul's is following the safety guidelines issued by the Diocese of Toronto which can be read on the Diocesan website

*Other Services, Programs and Meetings* - Gradually, we plan to resume other services, programs and meetings, but safely and carefully. Watch for updates and announcements.

*Summary* - Due to broad cooperation across the country, the safety guidelines ensure that it is relatively safe to come back to church in the same way that it is now relatively safe to go to the grocery store, drug store, or hardware store. We are grateful to the Bishops and Diocese for their guidance. Small steps, but all in the right direction. And, as has been true all along, the situation remains dynamic. We'll do our best to keep everyone updated.

S.P.Y. - St. Paul's Youth - Friday Nights, 7 p.m.

**Looking for Work** - If you're looking, or know someone who is, here's the national job site: [www.jobbank.ca](http://www.jobbank.ca)

**Friday Night Bible Study** - on Zoom - Next Friday, October 2. Revelation 11, Lesson 11.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/830877703>

Telephone: 647-374 4685, or 647-558 0588; Meeting ID: 830 877 703

**Have you moved?** - If you have moved recently, kindly notify the office of your new address, phone number and e-mail address. We appreciate your help.

**Gifts and Offerings** - The emergency measures and suspension of all church services and programs presents a large challenge to churches and charities dependent on regular gatherings and fundraising events. Your faithful support is as important now as it has ever been. Church Envelopes can be sent by mail. Members may wish to sign up for the Pre-Authorized Giving Program (contact the office). Or, gifts can be made online at our website through CanadaHelps here: [www.stpl.ca/give.html](http://www.stpl.ca/give.html). Members who use online banking may now also make E-transfers (contact the office).

### **Contact**

The clergy of St. Paul's are all in the vicinity. If any one of us can be of service, don't hesitate to call or write.

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