

ORDER OF SERVICE

July 4, 2021 - Pentecost 6 - Canada Day

INTRODUCTION

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.”

Good morning everyone. This is Fr. Dean Mercer and I welcome you as the parish of St. Paul's gathers to mark the 6th Sunday of Pentecost and Canada Day. Separated physically, we join in spirit, sharing in the joy of the resurrection of our Lord.

Reading the lessons is Matthew Waterman. The reflection is offered by The Rev'd Dr. Annette Brownlee. The solos are performed by Gabriella Proffitt, accompanied on piano by David McCartney, and the litany is led by Joshua Jayakumar.

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 God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

LESSONS

Matthew Waterman
2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

THE PSALM

PSALM 48

Reader: From Psalm 48.

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; in the city of our God is his holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, the very centre of the world and the city of the great king.

God is in her citadels; he is known to be her sure refuge.

Behold, the kings of the earth assembled and marched forward together.

They looked and were astounded; they retreated and fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God has established her for ever.

We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements.

Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; count the number of her towers.

Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever; he shall be our guide for evermore.

Gospel Reading

MARK 6:1-13

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

HOMILY

The Rev'd Dr. Annette

ANTHEM

Gabriella Proffitt, alto; David McCartney, piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joshua Jayakumar

THE LORD'S PRAYER & BLESSING

New Attendance Limit - 80 at St. Paul's

Stage Two of the Provincial Roadmap, effective June 30, increases the attendance limit at churches to 25% of capacity, or 80 at St. Paul's. Signing in, mask-wearing and social distancing continues. While there should be plenty of room for members to sit, we still recommend reserving a seat. Those who do so need only check off their name when they arrive, while others will need to provide complete sign-in information.

We support the safety guidelines and as has been the case since last March, the ordinary Christian obligation of Sunday attendance remains in abeyance. Church services have full safety guidelines and practices in place. Prayers are ongoing for the health of the community and an end to the pandemic.

Morning Prayer on Zoom - Password Added

Morning Prayer is said Monday to Saturday at 7.30 a.m. Tuesday to Friday mornings, it is live-streamed from the church. For that reason there is now a password for those attending Morning Prayer on Zoom. Join us for prayer, Monday to Saturday morning at 7.30 a.m.:

Computer Access Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/397231088?wd=ekhBRm9XcDRmWXo5Z0Via2dyY2tpUT09>

Telephone Access - (647) 374 4685, or (647) 558 0588

Meeting ID: 397 231 088

Password: 549300

Schedule

The full schedule of in-person and online services and programs can be found on the online church calendar - www.stpl.ca/calendar.html - or here: www.stpl.ca/services.html. This is the quickest and easiest way to get service and program information.

Sunday Services by Phone on Zoom

The weekly Sunday recording can be heard by phone on Zoom. (It can also be viewed on Zoom, but the quality is diminished.)

Zoom Invitation:

By Phone: 647 374 4685; 647 558 0588;

Meeting ID: 854 0290 8277; Passcode: 970844

Computer link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85402908277?pwd=Q1RlckxCZXJNTFJk5tYWpOTzFUT09>

Ontario COVID-19 Vaccine Booking You can currently book an appointment at a mass vaccination clinic through the provincial online vaccine booking system (<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>) If you prefer to schedule an appointment by phone, call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY 1-866-797-0007). This line is available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week. Information is available in more than 300 languages. *If St. Paul's can be of any help to you in this process, please let our office know.*

The Berthebell Moo and St. Paul's Memorial Academic and Music Scholarships

Bursaries of \$600 each are to be awarded to High School graduates pursuing post-secondary education at a university, a community college or in an apprenticeship program. The Memorial Music Scholarship is awarded to young people who are members of St. Paul's and/or are involved in the St. Paul's youth music program and who show promise in music and are pursuing musical studies. The number of bursaries to be awarded will be decided upon receipt of applications. Dead line: August 31, 2021. Applications and information available here:

<https://stpl.ca/applications-forms--reports.html>

New Honorary Priest at St. Paul's

Effective December, 2021, The Rev'd Canon Kim Beard has been appointed by Bishop Robertson as honorary priest at St. Paul's, L'Amoreaux. Canon Beard is the recently retired priest of St. Paul on the Hill, Pickering.

Short Term Mission - Tanzania, 2022

Now in the works is a short term mission to Tanzania to construct a girl's school in land facing both poverty and limited opportunities for young women. Watch for details. For more information, contact Canon Kim Beard.

Sunday School Every Sunday at 10.00 on Zoom

Check the church calendar for links and information: www.stpl.ca/calendar.html

S.P.Y. - St. Paul's Youth - Friday nights at 7 pm - *See you in September.*

Contact Sarah for more information: splyouthministry@gmail.com.

Check the online church calendar for link information: www.stpl.ca/calendar.html.

Friday Night Bible Study - on Zoom - Fridays, 7.00 p.m.

Join us Friday evenings for Bible study and prayer, right now in a 12-week study of the letters to the Colossians and Philemon, following the Bible study guide by Bishop Tom Wright. Study guides are available online (www.amazon.ca or www.parasource.com or www.christianbook.com) or may be ordered through Fr. Dean. This Friday's study (July 9): Colossians 2.8 - 3.4. After next Friday, the class will take a summer break, resuming on Friday, September 10.

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

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

Thank you for your Faithful Gifts and Offerings - St. Paul's is a strong parish and remains strong due to everyone's faithful support. *Through the first half of the year, support has been outstanding.* Never has that support been more important. Gifts can be sent by mail. Kindly ensure that your name and envelope number is included. Members may wish to sign up for the Pre-Authorized Giving Program (contact the office). Members who use online banking may now also make E-transfers (contact the office). Gifts can also be made online at our website through CanadaHelps here:

www.stpl.ca/give.html.

Contact - The clergy of St. Paul's are all in the vicinity and visiting in homes again, abiding by diocesan safety guidelines. If any one of us can be of service, don't hesitate to call or write. Website: www.stpl.ca; Church phone: 416-499-1545; Email: stpl@stpl.ca; Fr. Dean Mercer: deanmercerc@hotmail.com; Rectory phone: 416-497-6352.