

ORDER OF SERVICE

June 27, 2021 - Pentecost 5 - Grad Sunday

INTRODUCTION

“For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.”

Good morning everyone. This is Fr. Dean Mercer and I welcome you as the parish of St. Paul's gathers on the 5th Sunday of Pentecost and Grad Sunday. Today we are proudly recognizing four high school and trade school graduates. Separated physically, we join in spirit, sharing in the joy of the resurrection of our Lord.

Reading the lessons is Veriann Chalmers. The reflection is offered by one of our 2020 high school graduates, Jenifer Milton. The solos are performed by Gabrielle Perron, accompanied on piano by David McCartney. The litany is led by The Rev'd Chris Miller, followed by a tribute to our 2020 graduates.

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, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

LESSONS

Veriann Chalmers
2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return - I speak as to children - open wide your hearts also.

THE PSALM

PSALM 9:9-20

Reader: From Psalm 9.

The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble.

Those who know your name will put their trust in you, for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

The avenger of blood will remember them; he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Have pity on me, O Lord; see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation in the gates of the city of Zion.

The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

The Lord is known by his acts of justice; the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

The wicked shall be given over to the grave, and also all the peoples that forget God.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; let them be judged before you.

Put fear upon them, O Lord; let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

Gospel Reading

MARK 4:35-41

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

HOMILY

Fr. Arthur Boers

ANTHEM

Gabriella Perron, alto; David McCartney, piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev'd Chris Miller

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020

Kiara Cipriani, Stefan Regault, Nathaniel Smith and Bennett Xu.

A PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

O Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries and beauty of the universe. Send your Holy Spirit upon this year's graduating class, filling them with your wisdom and blessing. Grant that they may devote themselves to their continuing studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER & BLESSING

Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2021 - Kiara Cipriani, Stefan Regault, Nathaniel Smith and Bennett Xu.

Revised Provincial Stay at Home Order

The Province has updated the safety guidelines, effective Friday, June 11. The new order increases attendance to 40 persons at church services. Stage Two increases the attendance further, but there's been no word yet from the bishops.

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

Tuesday to Friday mornings, Morning Prayer is being live-streamed from the church. Soon, we hope, the doors will also re-open. For that reason there is now a password for those attending Morning Prayer. 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

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>

Freedom Session at St. Paul's

Booklet cost - \$30 each, for the three booklets - \$90 total

Start Date: Foundations: (20 weeks) June 16, 2021 – October 27, 2021 (7 pm to 9 pm – online)

Authentic Living: (8 weeks) January 12, 2022- March 2, 2022 (7 pm to 9 pm – online)

Freedom Session is a proven healing-discipleship journey that challenges us to take an honest and in-depth look at the truth about ourselves, our lives and how we deal with life's challenges, while experiencing the fullness of God's love and His desire to see us whole. It is a 28-week intensive healing-discipleship program that offers practical strategies to deal with real issues such as broken relationships, abuse, depression, anger, fear and various forms of addiction. These are symptoms of a broken, wounded and empty heart that longs for hope and meaning.

As we place our hearts in Jesus' hands, unhealthy and destructive ways previously used to escape the pain becomes less and less attractive. Shame loses its grip and lies that once had a stronghold, are replaced by God's truth. You are given tried, tested and true practical methods to live an abundant and authentic life. Freedom Session is writing your story with a new and God-inspired ending.

Freedom Session is divided into three equally important stages. Foundations (20 weeks - "Facing the Truth" and "Finding Freedom") will start you on your journey, and "Authentic Living" (8 weeks) continues the story. Each session meeting begins with a practical large group teaching, and everyone separated into gender-specific small groups to discuss what was taught at a deeper level. Each week, there is an "On Your Own" homework assignment to further apply what you are learning. For more information, contact splyouthministry@gmail.com or 416 499 1545.

Information and registration forms are available here:

<https://stpl.ca/freedom-session.html>

www.freedomsession.com

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 2): Colossians 2.1-7. The study will take a summer break, ending Friday, July 9, and 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. 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.

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