



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Prelude to Pride

7th Sunday of Easter May 29, 2022

Worship 11:00 A.M.

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Our worship will be live streamed on our Facebook page: St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert. You do not have to have a Facebook account to access that worship.

Welcome to Worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history – to our day – and beyond. Jesus prays for us all. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints. On this day we celebrate all those created in God's image and loved by God who know themselves to be among the LGBTQ2SIA+ Community.

Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local: Christ the King, Anglican, Port Ed – Rev's Anthony Adams, Yvonne Hill

Synod Parishes: Peace Lutheran in Abbotsford - Rev. Dean Andersen, Emmaus Lutheran in Burnaby - Rev. Timo Saarinen

Anglican Joint Prayers – Bishops, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Toronto

Anglican/Lutheran Joint Prayers- The Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and for peace in the Middle East.

Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor is Public, Javadotcup Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30AM. We are both in-person and on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222984486?pwd=OHF1cWZySkR1dHNpeklqMzU4RlJWUT09>
Meeting ID: 872 2298 4486 Password: 263906

2. Join the BC Synod for a brief weekly vigil for peace for Ukraine and the world by Zoom, Fridays at 7:00: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643051883?pwd=MDk4ZEZjZzhBMnh0WnhGUxhJWZDtQT09>
Meeting ID: 826 4305 1883 Passcode: 750008

3. Our 100th anniversary as a congregation is fast approaching in 2024. We are gathering a team to begin the planning process. If you would be willing to be a part of this team please contact the office.

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Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

As Colors in the Sky

duet by D. Edis and L Cullen

Unison Eb Eb/D Cm Cm/Bb

1 As col - ors in the sky, we move and blend in love, a
2 Our bod - ies may not match the way we feel in - side, but
3 Cre - at - ing God, you dance, you move as one in three. Come

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The system includes four measures of music with corresponding lyrics.

Ab Eb/G Fm7 Bbsus4 Bb

touch of this, a mix, a match, as gifts from heaven a - bove. Our
we can change, trans-form, and find your love still deep and wide. So
show us, by your rain - bow light, our shared hu - man - i - ty. The

The second system continues the melody and bass line. It includes four measures of music with corresponding lyrics.

Eb Eb/D Cm Cm/Bb

gen - ders may seem fixed, but ev - en these may change as
if we break the mold trad - i - tions put in place, let
heav - ens and the earth are made new ev - ery day, help

The third system continues the melody and bass line. It includes four measures of music with corresponding lyrics.

Ab Gm7 Cm7 Fm Bb7 Eb

we find beau - ty in - be - tween that may at first seem strange.
us with cour - age live our lives with kind - ness, love, and grace.
us dis - cov - er by your grace, new truth, new life, new ways.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence. It includes four measures of music with corresponding lyrics.

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COLORS IN THE SKY
S.M.D.

In God's Boundless Diversity, we are all made in God's image! We gather together in this time and space, breathing in the Spirit's invitation to connect and learn, and answer Jesus' call to justice and action

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Holy Parent, and of the + Child, and of the Holy Spirit, ever-present in our lives.

Amen.

Your people, Lord, long to feel seen, named, and cared for. We, the church, have excluded and pushed away people, calling them "other" and "different." We fail your people by waiting in expectation for those whom we have harmed to lead the work of reconciliation. Today we worship, with open hearts and minds, readying ourselves for the holy ministry of justice and equity work. As your people, we know God is with us and that your Holy Spirit makes reconciliation possible.

As we learn how to make the church a safer space We trust in the Spirit's guidance. As we seek to be an advocate for our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, 2 Spirit, Intersex, Asexual, plus siblings and all who are told they are "other" we trust in the Spirit's guidance. As we seek to learn more about the intersectionality of ministry we trust in the Spirit's guidance.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of Jesus Christ we confess and ask forgiveness. We proclaim with joy and love that people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions matter; that Indigenous, Black, and People of Color matter; that neuro-diversity and differing abilities of bodies are sacred; and that we as a church stand firmly against racism, homophobia, transphobia, and any other sin that makes people feel less than because of who God lovingly made them to be. We commit our words and actions to be ones of advocacy for all of the people in your Kin-Dom. Holy Creator, we celebrate your boundless diversity, and see the ways we are made in Your image.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

The Dove Will Fly on Mended Wing

Songs for the Holy Other

1., 5. Re - lig - ion, cul - ture, creed and race each hu - man spir - it and each face
2. And take a - way a new found song, a new found voice to act on wrongs.
3. A peo - ple stand, a peo - ple call: come ga - ther here and wel - come all.
4. And chains will fall, the shack - les break, the earth will rise, and pow - ers quake,

we cel - e - brate, we dance and sing the tal - ents here each one might bring.
To trust, to heal, to help us cope, to stand as one, re - new - ing hope.
Di - ver - si - fy and cel - e - brate that hope - less - ness is not our fate.
just - ice will roll, and free - dom sing, the dove will fly on men - ded wing.

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L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the
 2 That we may live out your im -
 3 For peace in our hearts, that for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you

health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
 passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
 peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
 cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;

for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
 that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
 for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
 that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, soften our hearts this day as we seek to hear your words and commands. In a world where we are daily confronted with ways we are different, told to make ourselves smaller for the convenience of others, teach us as your people how to celebrate your boundless diversity reflected in every person who is made in your image! To have safe space is to experience your saving grace. Guide us to be people of faith who are committed to learning and re-learning what it means to welcome, include, celebrate, and advocate for all you call Beloved.

Amen.

Our first reading is from Acts, beginning at the 16th chapter

16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L: The word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God

We read Psalm 97:1-12 responsively: (*leader reads the light print, congregation reads the bold*)

The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

You who love the LORD, hate evil!

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.

Our second reading is from Revelation beginning at the 17th chapter

22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to John, beginning at the 21st chapter
Glory to you, O Lord

21:1-19

[Jesus prayed:] "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

L: The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Diana Edis

Hymn of the Day

The Love that Goes Unspoken

Songs for the Holy Other

1. The love that goes un - spo - ken, that fears would force to hide,
 2. As po - ets and mu - si - cians, in Pi - e - tàs of grace,
 3. In var - ied forms of fam - 'ly in un - ions yet un - blessed,
 4. Christ loves with - out dis - tinc - tion, both joys and sor - rows borne,

still blooms in clos - et spac - es, too strong to be de - nied.
 the out - cast of our church - es cast light on Mys - t'ry's face.
 as sis - ters and as bro - thers and kin with earth's op - pressed,
 and wel - comes o - pen - heart - ed the ones whom oth - ers scorn.

The Spir - it's wind blows free - ly to o - pen bol - ted doors,
 They trans - late for our wit - ness the gifts the gos - pel brings,
 all dwell with - in God's house - hold, yet some bear in - sults hurled
 We shall not, then, be shack - led by need - less guilt or shame.

and beck - on in - to day - light a love that hate de - plores.
 and cel - e - brate God's grand - eur in rare and dap - pled things.
 to chide the so - called "bar - ren" whose chil - dren are the world's.
 In Christ, the love un - spo - ken now dares to speak its name.

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Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Intercession: (petition end: God, in your mercy.)
(petition response: **hear our prayer.**)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Offerings may be mailed to the church, placed in our mailbox or you can send e-transfers to offering2stpauls@citywest.ca. You may also give through CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.

Offering Prayer

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We enter a time of communion. All people are invited to receive God's meal. If you wish to receive, this meal is for you. If you would like to learn more about communion please contact the pastor after worship. Those at home may prepare bread and wine or juice for your worship space. When the bread and beverage are offered by the pastor and you eat and drink you may respond, "Amen." Those worshipping online in the same household are encouraged to serve one another.

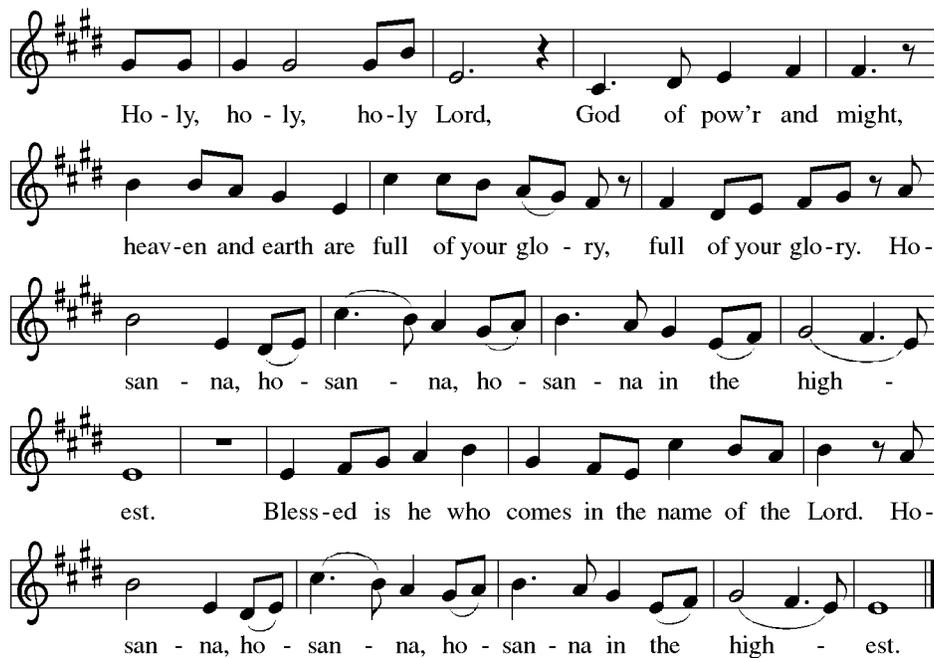
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which... we prepare our hearts for your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.
Amen

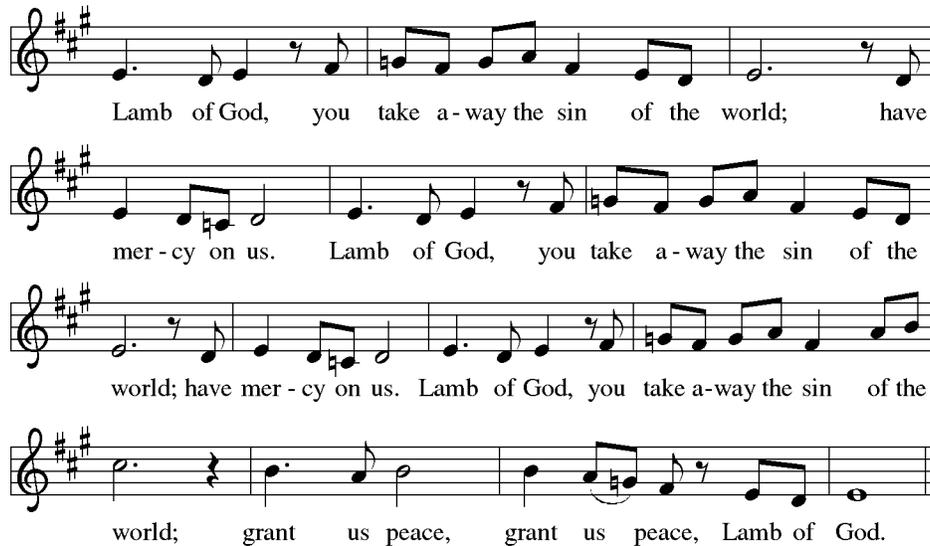
L: Gathered into one across time and space by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. We pray:

**Our creator in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

L: If the Holy Spirit calls you to this feast of bread and wine or juice, I invite you to receive that which has been prepared, each in our own places, but gathered together around the table of God. Although we are separated at this time by physical distancing, we are united, made whole in the body of our Lord. The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion

L: This is the body of Christ, given for you.

C: Amen

L: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C: Amen

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour strengthen you to eternal life.

Amen

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Blessing

Siblings in Christ, let us go out into the world in peace; take up the pledge to be an advocate for our LGBTQ2SIA+ siblings and all those in need of inclusion and advocacy, and leave this space with a fervent passion for welcome.

Amen.

1. New pat - terns of lov - ing make room for new ways,
 2. Our an - ces - try marks us with vis - i - ble signs;
 3. God bless all the mo - thers and fa - thers to - day;

cre - at - ing new fam - ilies to care for and raise.
 we bear in our bod - ies ge - net - ic de - signs.
 help us to raise chil - dren to walk in God's way,

All those who have loved us and helped us to grow
 But love, be - yond lim - its of gen - der or race,
 to care for each oth - er as chil - dren of God,

are fam - ilies of choice by the car - ing they show.
 can fash - ion new fam - ilies and new ways em - brace.
 whose love is in - clu - sive, far - reach - ing, and broad.

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Dismissal

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we go in peace to serve the Creator. Seek God's boundless diversity in all you see, and know you are made in God's image!

Thanks be to God.