

*We welcome everyone who is worshipping with us today,  
especially our new Diocesan Bishop,  
The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil  
Please participate as much as you are comfortable.*

*We gather as the people of God to be blessed in our time together as  
community and engaged with the sacred presence of God.*

*Everyone is welcome at St. Paul's; the youngest to the oldest;  
wherever you may be from around the world; regardless of your  
sexuality; single, married, divorced or separated; no matter what  
your financial situation; whether you are starting out or retired.*

*There is a place for everyone here at St. Paul's!! Welcome!!*

*Following the service, we invite you for coffee and conversation  
in the Lower Hall. We'd like to introduce ourselves to you.*

*The church is equipped with a hearing assistance system.  
Please ask for a receiver.*

*There are also large print prayer books available.*

## **10:30 a.m. – Celebration of the Eucharist**

During Lent, our liturgy intentionally reflects the season of Lent. There will be no procession at the beginning or end of the service. Rather, we will begin and end in silence. We will start the service with a penitential rite acknowledging our need for forgiveness as we seek peace with God and each other. As well, we will be using a different setting for the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy ...) and the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) which all reflect the more sombre tone of Lent.

As you enter into our worship this morning, may this journey from ashes to the cross to the empty tomb be a growing experience for you.

## **The Gathering of the Community, Confession & Absolution**

*The choir, server and clergy take their places in the sanctuary*

*Please observe silence as we prepare ourselves to enter into our  
worship this morning*

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

**All:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**All:** **His mercy endures for ever.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

**Celebrant:** Dear Friends in Christ, as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers, let us make ready our hearts to renew the covenant of our baptism.

As we are able, let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

*Kneel as you are able or sit*

Let us ask God to bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts, to know how faithfully we have persevered in resisting evil, and whenever we fell into sin, have repented and returned to the Lord.

*Silence is kept.*

**Celebrant:** Holy and immortal God,

**All:** **you formed us from the dust in your image, and redeemed us from sin and death by the cross of our Saviour. Through the washing of baptism you raised us up with him to share in the new covenant with all your holy people. But we have squandered the inheritance of your saints and wandered far in a land that is waste. Therefore we turn to you in penitence and humility. In your great mercy, forgive us and restore us, that we may rejoice in your presence, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Believing that we are at peace with God, as we begin our worship today, let us also be at peace with each other and in turn be at peace with the world and all of creation.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All : And also with you**

**Hymn #175** "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

**Collect Prayer**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11** Pew Bible p.200 (OT)

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16** BAS p.828  
*Refrain*

**2nd Reading: Romans 10:8b-13** Pew Bible p.167 (NT)

**Gradual Chant ...** Hymn 563 in English  
... sung twice before the gospel and once after

**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13** Pew Bible p.62 (NT)

**Sermon - *The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil***  
**Followed by silence for personal reflection**

**Apostles' Creed** p.189

**Choir Anthem**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn # 482** "Come and Journey with a Saviour"

**Prayer over the Gifts**

The Great Thanksgiving (*From the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada*)

**Cel:** The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

**Cel:** Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

**Cel:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Cel:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All:** (*Hymn 735*)

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Cel:** God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the

remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**Cel:** Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**Cel:** Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Breaking of the Bread for Lent**

**Cel:** We break this bread,

**All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

**Cel:** Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**

### **Agnus Dei ...#685**

### **Communion**

*All are invited to receive Communion. If you would rather receive a **blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.** If you have concerns about the use of the common cup: you may, after eating the bread, cross your hands over your chest as the chalice passes by or make a sign of reverence by gently touching the base of the cup when it is presented to you. **You should not dip the bread into cup.***

*Those drinking from the cup are asked to assist the chalice administrator by grasping it at the base and guiding it to their lips.*

**Communion Hymn # 70**      *"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"*

**Prayer after communion** (bottom of Page 214)

**Celebrant:** All your works praise you O Lord .....

### **Blessing**

### **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn # 602**      *"Lift High the Cross"*

### **Dismissal**

*Choir, server and clergy leave in silence*



*There may be photographs taken during the service that are posted on our website and other social media. If you do not wish your photograph used please let us know.*

### ***Our Parish Mission Statement:***

***We strive to be a caring Christian community.  
We seek to worship, know and serve God,  
loving and supporting others on their journey of faith.***

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