



Sunday, February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany and Vestry Sunday
St. Paul's Anglican Church, Uxbridge



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Land Acknowledgement

It is a great privilege to gather, share stories of faith and worship God on this beautiful territory, which we now know as Township of Uxbridge but which has been the site of human activity – and therefore storytelling and worship – for many thousands of years. We wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the Huron-Wendat, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississauga and Chippewa (Anishinaabe) people. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today many Indigenous peoples, including the Metis Nation continue to call this land home and act as its stewards, and this responsibility extends to all peoples, to share and care for this land for generations to come.

Today's Mass Setting: St. Thomas

Prelude

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CP 383

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

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father
We worship you. We give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have Mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of God,
Receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
For you alone are the Holy One;
You alone are the lord; you alone are the most high, Jesus
Christ
With the holy spirit with the glory of God the Father
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.*

Kyrie Eleison

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of

Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. *(Genesis 45:3-11, 15)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-43 (said responsively)

Reader: Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

People: **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

Reader: Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

People: **Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

Reader: Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

People: **He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Reader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

People: **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Reader: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself, it leads only to evil.

People: **For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

Reader: In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

People: **But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.**

Reader: But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

People: **The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.**

Reader: God our strength, give us the humility to trust in your loving care, and the patience to be faithful in seeking your kingdom, that we may come to share in the inheritance of your saints, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

(1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Let My People Seek Their Freedom

CP 471

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Reader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love

your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." *(Luke 6:27-38)*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

CP 494

The Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord be with you
Lift up your hearts.

**And also with you
We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught us, we pray together

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take Away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

Communion

During Communion

Where Charity and Love Prevail

CP 487

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives, and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

CP 433

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(to be sung by all)

Let There be Peace on Earth

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father
children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.**

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Our annual vestry meeting will begin in the lower hall immediately following our worship service.

This Week at St. Paul's

Thursday, February 27, 2025

- 7:30 pm – Choir practice

Friday, February 28, 2025

- 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm - Free Community Supper in the Lower Hall

Sunday, March 2, 2025 – Last Sunday after the Epiphany

- 10:30 am – Eucharist

Readings for Next Sunday

- Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm 99
- 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
- Luke 9:28-43a,

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, March 5, 2025 – Ash Wednesday – 11:00 am – Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes.**
- **Friday, March 7, 2025 – 11:00 am – World Day of Prayer service will be held at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 70 Toronto Street, North. See notice on bulletin boards for more information.**