



**Sunday, April 6, 2025  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
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.

### **Prelude**

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **Processional Hymn**

*I Bind unto Myself Today*

**CP 436**

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.**

## Collect of the Day

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

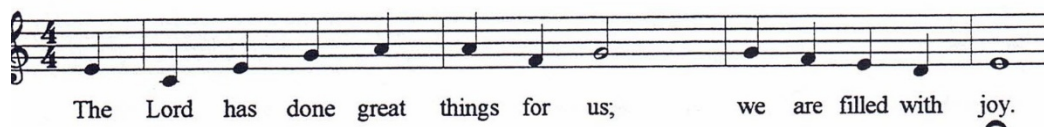
**Reader:** A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. (*Isaiah 43:16-21*)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

### Psalm 126



### Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

**Reader:** A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee, as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that

comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *(Philippians 3:4b-14)*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

**CP 569**

**Holy Gospel: John 12:1-8**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you

**People:** And also with you

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." *(John 12:1-8)*

**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.**

**Choir Anthem**

***O Love That Will Not Let Me Go***

**Phillips**

**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**

***Surely It Is God Who Saves Me***

**CP 361**

**The Prayer over the Gifts**

Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer 3**

The Lord be with you

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more

fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus

CP 735

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

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

**Celebrant:** 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.**

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**CP 690**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

### **Communion**

**During Communion**

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

**CP 386**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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**

***Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go***

**CP 467**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(to be sung by all)

May the blessing of God be upon you.  
May God's love light all your way.  
May the grace of Christ enfold you  
and peace around you stay.  
May the Spirit of God dwell within you.  
May you live in joy each day.

Text: Gordon Nodwell. Music: William Wright. From Voices United.

**Postlude**

***The Hanging Garden***

Alain

*Where We Seek a Place of Solace in Our Anxiety*

*If you have another commitment today,  
and need to depart the church during the postlude, feel free to do so quietly.*

***\*\*Many of us enjoy "Coffee and Conversation" after the service but we are in need of a few more volunteers to help. It is a simple task, made easier if there are two people per week. Coffee, tea and sugar are supplied, there are written instructions in the kitchen, and we are happy to teach you the routine. Please contact the church office or Mary Ann Eastman [maryann902@icloud.com](mailto:maryann902@icloud.com).\*\****

**Stewardship Gospel Tidbit: (John 12:1-8)** One of the questions today's gospel asks me is: what is my motivation in being a steward? Am I truly interested in taking care of others, or am I just worried about myself?

### **This Week at St. Paul's**

#### **Thursday, April 10, 2025**

- 7:30 pm – Choir practice

#### **Friday, April 11, 2025**

- 11:00 am - We will be making Palm Crosses in the lower hall. If you are able to assist please join us in the lower hall on Friday. Please speak to Joy or Evelyn if you have questions.

#### **Saturday, April 12, 2025**

- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – **Free Community Craft Morning** in the Lower Hall.

#### **Sunday, April 13, 2025 – The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

- 10:30 am – Eucharist

#### **Readings for Next Sunday**

- Luke 19:28-40
- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 22:14-23:56

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Memorial Flowers** – if you wish to have flowers in the church for Easter, please fill in the Easter Flower Offering envelope at the back of the church and place on the offering plate no later than **April 13<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Good Friday, April 18, 2025 – 3:00 pm – Bach Mass in B Minor** with choir and orchestra directed by Stu Beaudoin. Be a supporter – sell a ticket to a friend; give a flier to your neighbour and invite them to join you. Tickets available at [https://starticketing.com/tktweb/event\\_view?eventCode=ODS](https://starticketing.com/tktweb/event_view?eventCode=ODS)
- **The Diocese of Toronto**, as part of their focus on **Spiritual Renewal**, are hosting church gatherings across the diocese so parishes can come to worship God together. We missed the two services in March, **but three additional worship gatherings are planned for Saturday afternoons in May, September and October**. Please see notices on our bulletin boards.

**For the health and comfort of those with allergies  
St. Paul's is a "scent free" facility.**