



**Sunday, June 1, 2025**  
**Ascension 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. Paul (Beaudoin)**

**Prelude**

*What a Friend We Have In Jesus*

Wolaver

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Processional Hymn**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

**CP 379**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Celebrant:** May his grace and peace be with you.

**People:** **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

### **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 in the highest and peace to all God's people.  
Lord, God heavenly King, almighty God and creator,  
We worship You we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory;  
Glory to God in the highest and peace to all God's people.  
Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, the 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 pray'rs;  
Glory to God in the highest and peace to all God's people.  
You alone are the Holy one You alone are the Lord,  
You are the most high, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father; amen, amen.  
Glory to God in the highest and peace to all God's people.*

## **Kyrie**

*Holy God have mercy on us, God have mercy on us;  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us;  
Holy God have mercy on us, God have mercy, have mercy on us.  
God have mercy on us.*

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, 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: Acts 1:1-11**

**Reader:** A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their

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**People:** Thanks be to God

God has gone up with a shout!

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

**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 to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. *(Luke 24:44-53)*

**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**

*Let All the World*

Gilbert

**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**

*Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

**CP 5**

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

### **Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
hosanna, hosanna in the highest, blessed are You, our God.**

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:** Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All:** **Now we are raised to new life.**

**Celebrant:** We were buried in your tomb.

**All:** **Now we share in your resurrection**

**Celebrant:** Live in us, that we may live in you.

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

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

### **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;**

**Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy on us;  
Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **Communion**

**During Communion**

***Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life***

**CP 592**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through 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**

***O Jesus, I Have Promised***

**CP 438**

## **Dismissal**

**Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**(to be sung by all)**

***Go Now in Peace***

**Besig**

**Go now in peace ... never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.      **Amen.****

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**Postlude**

***Trumpet Voluntary***

**Beaudoin**

***If you have another commitment today,***

*and need to depart the church during the postlude, feel free to do so quietly.*

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

#### **Thursday, June 5, 2025**

- 7:30 pm – Choir practice

#### **Sunday, June 8, 2025 – The Day of Pentecost**

- 10:30 am – Eucharist – The Rev. Samuel Fayomi

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

- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:25-35, 37b
- Romans 8:14-17
- John 14:8-17, 25-27

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Monday, June 9, 2025 – 2:00 pm – Outreach Committee** will meet in the Lounge.
- **Friday, June 20, 2025 – 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm – Free Community Supper** in the Lower Hall.

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