



Sunday, May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter
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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CP 349

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 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

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

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

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

(Acts 9:36-43)

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

The Lord's My Shepherd

CP 519

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Reader: A Reading from the Revelation to John

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
(Revelation 7:9-17)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

CP 361

Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell

us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." (*John 10:22-30*)

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

Rejoice Be Glad

Beaudoin

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

Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

CP 444

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **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 for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise 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

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

CP 216

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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

Splendour and Honour

CP 364

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

Exultemus

Whitlock

*If you have another commitment today,
and need to depart the church during the postlude, feel free to do so quietly.*
Stewardship Gospel Tidbit: (John 10:22-30) Jesus tells the people that those who belong to him recognize his voice. How do we recognize the voice of Jesus today in our own lives, and in the life of our Church?

This Week at St. Paul's

Thursday, May 15, 2025

- 7:30 pm – Choir practice

Sunday, May 18, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 10:30 am – Eucharist

Readings for Next Sunday

- Acts 11:1-18
- Psalm 148
- Revelation 21:1-6
- John 13:31-35

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, May 24, 2025 – 3:00 pm – “Lilt of Laughter Trace of Tears”.** A one-man show that brings an array of Irish characters to life. **Tickets \$20.00 plus taxes & fees available at starticketing.com.** See notices on our bulletin boards.
- **Sunday, May 25, 2025 – Pot Luck Lunch immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.** Please join us to say “Thank You” to the Reverend Donald Shields for spending the last 4 months with us as our search for a permanent priest continues. Pack your favourite appetizer, main course or dessert to share. Please bring your own dishes and cutlery to make clean-up quick and easy.
- **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. **The May service will be held on Saturday, May 31st at 2:00 p.m. at All Saints, Whitby.** We are hoping to arrange car pooling so that those of our parishioners who would like to attend are able to. There is a sign up sheet in the bell tower entrance. Please indicate if you are available to drive and the number of passengers you can take.

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