



**Sunday, May 18, 2025
Fifth 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

O Praise Ye the Lord

CP 330

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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

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

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon,

who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

(Acts 11:1-18)

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 148



Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Reader: A Reading from the Revelation to John

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." *(Revelation 21:1-6)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

CP 34

Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (*John 13:31-35*)

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

Love Bade Me Welcome
(Soloist: Dave Rehill)

Vaughan Williams

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

She Comes Sailing on the Wind

CP 656

The Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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, 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

Now the Green Blade Rises

CP 237

Prayer after Communion

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

In Christ There Is No East or West

CP 484

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

Easter Alleluias on Victimae Paschali

Beaudoin

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 13:31-35) “Everyone will recognize you as my followers – if you love each other.” How does the world recognize us as the followers of Jesus today? – where we work? – where we play? – wherever we happen to be?

This Week at St. Paul’s

Thursday, May 22, 2025

- 7:30 pm – Choir practice

Saturday, May 24, 2025

- 3:00 pm – “**Lilt of Laughter Trace of Tears**”.

Sunday, May 25, 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 10:30 am – Eucharist
Pot Luck Lunch immediately after the 10:30 am service.

Readings for Next Sunday

- Acts 16:9-15
- Psalm 67
- Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
- John 14:23-29

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](https://www.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.
- **Friday, May 30, 2025 – 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm – Free Community Supper** in the Lower Hall.
- **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.**