



**Sunday, May 25, 2025
Sixth 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

Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult

CP 432

Installation of Churchwardens

Priest:

We are here to install into office the church wardens of this parish, to ask God's blessings upon them in their newly accepted responsibilities, and to pledge them our prayers and support in the extension of God's Kingdom. Let us, therefore, pray that God may richly bless those who are about to assume this office.

Numbers 11:16–17

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of

meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself.

Let us pray:

Priest: Lord have mercy upon us.

Response: Christ have mercy upon us.

Priest: Lord have mercy upon us.

Collect: O Eternal God, the fountain of all wisdom, enlighten with Thy Grace the Wardens of this church, and so rule their minds and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek Thy Holy Will; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Christian Service: O Lord, our Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, we beseech Thee to bless all who, following in His steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow worshipers. We pray especially for those who are about to assume office in the governance and work of this parish. Endue them with wisdom, patience and courage to strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall; that, being inspired by Thy Life, they may worthily minister in Thy Name to the suffering, the friendless and the needy; for the sake of Him who laid down His life for us, the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Siobhan, you have been appointed Rector's Warden, and

Gail, you have been elected People's Warden of this congregation,

Robin and Cathy, you have been elected Assistant Wardens of this congregation.

I would remind you that the office of church warden is an ancient and honourable one, and carries with it not only dignity, but great responsibility.

Each of you is possessed of equal authority, and yours is a joint and mutual responsibility.

Together with the Incumbent and the vestry, it will be your duty to make provision for and to manage the temporalities of this church in accordance with the canons and bylaws of the Diocese of Toronto.

I would add, also, that on account of the office you now hold, this congregation will look to you, not only for leadership in all that pertains to the good management and welfare of the temporalities of the parish, but also for Christian example and encouragement in all efforts to promote the spiritual and moral well-being of the congregation. Before investing you with the symbol of your office, may I ask if you accept this office of church warden in this church and the responsibilities pertaining thereto in accordance with the principles set forth in the canons of this Diocese?

WARDENS: I do.

Priest: The Lord, who hath given you this good will, grant you grace to perform your duty to His glory and the welfare of this church and congregation.

As you promised to uphold the Constitution, Rules and Canons of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, I install you as rector's and peoples' and assistant wardens of this parish church of Uxbridge for the ensuing year, until a successor has been appointed or elected.

May you look well to the important duties of your office and may God's richest blessing rest upon you in your efforts to discharge the same. To the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who has only the gift of immortality, dwelling in the light which no one can approach, be ascribed all right, majesty, dominion and praise, henceforth and for evermore. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Acts 16:9-15

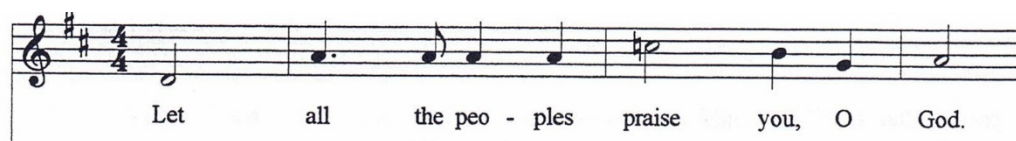
Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. (*Acts 16:9-15*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 67



Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

Reader: A Reading from the Revelation to John

And in the spirit, an angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of

sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. *(Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

CP 388

Holy Gospel: John 14:23-29

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

Jesus answered, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe." *(John 14:23-29)*

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

Kyrie

Lotti

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

One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

CP 73

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of Glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **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, 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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

CP 487

Prayer after Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, 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

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***Fugue***

Dubois

***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 14:23-29) “The Holy Spirit will teach you and remind you of everything I told you.” Ever feel like your life as a steward has lost its focus? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you remember.

This Week at St. Paul's**Thursday, May 29, 2025**

- 2:00 pm – Outreach Meeting in the Lounge
- 7:30 pm – Choir practice

Friday, May 30, 2025

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

Sunday, June 1, 2025 – Ascension Sunday

- 10:30 am – Eucharist – The Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham

Readings for Next Sunday

- Acts 1:1-11

- Psalm 47
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Luke 24:44-53

Upcoming Events

- **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.**