



**Sunday, May 4, 2025  
Third 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**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**CP 508**

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, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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 9:1-6, 7-20

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

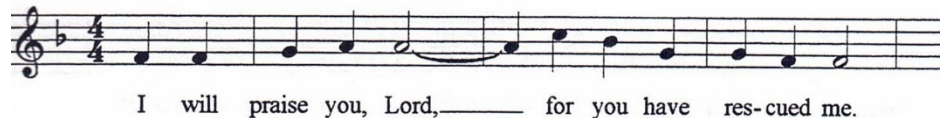
Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so

that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." (Acts 9:1-6, 7-20)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

### Psalm 30



### Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

**Reader:** A Reading from the Revelation to John

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped. (Revelation 5:11-14)

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Holy Gospel: John 21:1-19**

**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

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me." *(John 21:1-19)*

**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**

***For Us the Rains Come Down***

**Wagner**

**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**

***Where Charity and Love Prevail***

**CP 487**

**The Prayer over the Gifts**

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. 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**

***Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness***

**CP 385**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of 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.  
**Thanks be to God.**

(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**

***Capriccio***

Froberger

***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 21:1-19)** Over and over again, Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me?” Would our actions let Jesus know that we love him? Or, has our love for Jesus been replaced by our love for things of this world?

## **This Week at St. Paul’s**

### **Thursday, May 8, 2025**

- 7:30 pm – Choir practice

### **Saturday, May 10, 2025**

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

### **Sunday, May 11, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**



- 10:30 am – Eucharist

### **Readings for Next Sunday**

- Acts 9:36-43
- Psalm 23
- Revelation 7:9-17
- John 10:22-30

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Prayer Breakfast**, sponsored by the Churches of Uxbridge, will be held at Mill Run Golf Club at 7:00 a.m. For more information, see notices on bulletin boards.
- **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://starticketing.com)**. See notices on our bulletin boards.
- **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.**