



Sunday, June 22, 2025
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating the National Indigenous Day of Prayer
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.

Prelude

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

CP 505

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation.

In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related.

You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life.

Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever.

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.

Collect of the Day

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? Says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God? Have you not known: Have you not heard: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. *(Isaiah 40:25-31)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 19



Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. *(Philippians 4:4-9)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

CP 564

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. *(John 1:1-18)*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Affirmation of Faith:

We affirm our faith as we say:

We believe in one God, the Creator. You have made all things and placed your spirit in them.

We believe in your Son, Jesus the Christ,

Sent from your heart to preach and change our hearts to be like yours.

He was born of Mary, his mother. He, being Creator with you, from the beginning of all time, became a person like one of us.

He suffered and died on a cross of sin. He rose from death. He was taken into heaven and now sits on your right hand.

He will one day come again to the earth to proclaim your kingdom and dominion.

We believe in a holy and great Spirit Who comes from you to empower us and enable us to live as your children.

He is worshipped as you are, for he is one with You and Jesus.

We believe in one holy church, begun and sustained by your apostles.

We look to our baptism for forgiveness.

We believe that one day all the dead will be made alive in the resurrection, and we believe that when we die we will return to you and be judged by you. Amen.

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Anthem

Sanctus Moosonee Service

David Buley

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

One And with the disciples we ask, “But, Jesus when have we seen you hungry and given you food, or thirsty and given you something to drink? And when was it that we saw a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?”

All We confess that we fail to see Jesus in the people around us, in those we love and those we do not love. Gracious God, lest we think our words alone are sufficient, today as we confess - we fall silent before you.

Silence is held for personal confession.

One May God, who is our constant companion surround us with love and grace. God has accepted our confession, we are forgiven, and the blessing of God, Creator, Word, and Life-Giving Spirit be with us now and for evermore.

All Amen.

The Peace

May the peace of Jesus the Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Just As the Deer

CP 540

The Prayer over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

God the Creator is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God the Creator.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer our thanks and praise.

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ. With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the guardian spirits, the saints, and all our ancestors as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord; Holy, holy, holy Lord; Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanah in the highest; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanah in the highest; hosanah in the highest; hosanah in the highest;

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness.

We marvel at your creation. You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator.

Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering. By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. + Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other.

May we also live in unity and live as relatives to all.

United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger and,
whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Invitation to the Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

(From Communion Blessing, Christopher Peters and *Eucharistic Prayer revised version from the Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake, MN*)

Communion

During Communion

Amazing Grace

CP 352

Prayer after Communion

Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds, strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. **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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CP 393

Dismissal

Go into the world, sharing the peace of Christ to the four corners of the earth.
Thanks be to God.

(to be sung by all)

Go Now in Peace

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**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

God be Praised and Blessed

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*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

Sunday, June 29, 2025 – Saint Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

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

Readings for Next Sunday

- Ezekiel 34:11-16
- Psalm 87
- 2 Timothy 4:1-8
- John 21:15-19

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St. Paul's is a "scent free" facility.**