



Sunday July 6, 2025
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Paul's Anglican Church, Uxbridge



Prelude

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

King of Glory, King of Peace

CP 345

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.

Welcome ... Good morning. My name is Robin Dhillon. I will be officiating for our worship this morning. I invite us to take a moment of silence to prepare ourselves to enter into our worship as we ask God to quiet our souls that we may hear Him speaking to us.

Moment of quiet

Call to Worship

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each of us this day and always. **Amen**

Officiant: As we begin our worship this day we remember what brings us here.

All: **We come seeking peace, hope and a renewing of our faith and God's Spirit in us.**

Officiant: This is the house of the Lord. Here we will find what we seek.

All: **Help us to open our hearts to God's words and will for us.**

Officiant: When we ask for God's help - it will be given to us.

All: Praise be to God who loves and cares for us.

Opening Prayer

Officiant: God of Hope, we have come this day asking for your mercy. Grant us your pardon. We have come this day seeking peace in our lives. Teach us how to be compassionate disciples for you. We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Officiant: Let us offer our prayer of confession, saying together

All: **God of mercy and compassion, we come before you in honesty about ourselves and our lives. We know we have been unfaithful to you and have not always lived out our baptismal covenant. For our wandering, wayward ways, hear our confessions of sin and selfishness and offer us your forgiveness. We ask for forgiveness and the strength to live each day as your children, as your very people, the Church. We pray to Christ our redeemer as we confess our need in the hope of our salvation and redemption. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Officiant: Jesus said, "Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Ask and it will be given to you. God has promised us grace and forgiveness in the love of Jesus Christ. May we receive God's mercy and live the life God desires. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Collect Prayer

Officiant: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer of Illumination

Officiant: God of wisdom, as we listen to the Scriptures today, fill our hearts and minds with your living Word, so that our faith in Christ will grow stronger as we build our lives on him. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading A Reading from the Second Book of Kings

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids

had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. *(2 Kings 5:1-14)*

Reader: May we hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 30 - said responsively be verse

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Reader: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

People: O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

Reader: You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

People: Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

Reader: For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime.

People: Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

Reader: While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains."

People: Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

Reader: I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

People: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

Reader: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."

People: You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Reader: Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Reader: God our Father, glorious in giving and restoring life, do not hide your face from your people overcome with loneliness and fear; turn our mourning into dancing and raise us up with your Son, that we may rejoice in your presence for ever.

Second Reading A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. (*Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16*)

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People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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Gospel Reading – A reading from the Gospel of Luke

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out

labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." *(Luke 10:1-11, 16-20)*

Reader: May we hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection

The Apostles Creed

Officiant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism saying,

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: As Jesus taught us, we pray together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory; for ever and ever. Amen

Offertory Hymn

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

CP 500

Offertory Prayers

Officiant: God responds to our needs and requests with great generosity. Such is God's great love. Let us share God's love with others through the offering we present this day.

Let us pray

Generous God, we give you our gifts, thankful that your love is overflowing. Bless our offerings so that your love will flow through them to meet the needs of those who cry out to you and to us, in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will hear their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Blessing

Officiant: As we conclude our worship today, may we know that we have been given the blessing of God's unfailing love. As we leave this time together, may we feel God's strength within us to face the challenges of the coming week. As we return to our daily lives, may we be committed to the pursuit of peace, revealing to all the world that we are all God's beloved children. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

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Dismissal

Officiant: Beloved of God, we are healed and forgiven by God's grace and mercy. God has poured His love upon us that we may be faithful disciples, offering healing love and compassion to all we meet. May we go in peace and may God's peace always be with us.

Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, July 13, 2025 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – The Venerable John Anderson

- 10:30 am – Eucharist

Readings for Next Sunday

- Amos 7:7-17
- Psalm 82
- Colossians 1:1-14
- Luke 10:25-37

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, July 18, 2025 - 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm** - Free Community Supper at Elgin Park Lions' Club Food Booth

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