



*give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

**Kyrie**                *Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.*

### **Collect of the Day**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruits of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; 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:     Jeremiah 18:1-11**

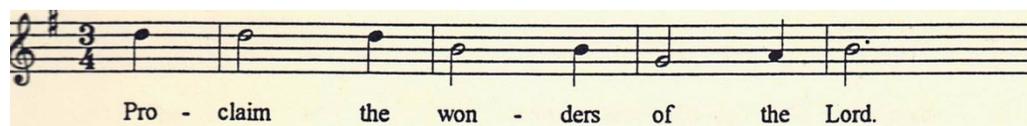
**Reader:** A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.     *(Jeremiah 18:1-11)*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17



### Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

**Reader:** A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do more than I say. *(Philemon 1-21)*

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

**CP 559**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." *(Luke 14:25-33)*

**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.**

**Anthem**

*Embracing Change*

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### **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**

*Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said*

**CP 431**

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Great and Holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**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 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices 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, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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:** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All:** **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**Celebrant:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,**

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## Communion

**During Communion**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

**CP 435**

## Prayer after Communion

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, 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**

*What Does the Lord Require*

**CP 171**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.  
**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**

*Offertoire*

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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.*

Weekly "tidbit"

**Stewardship Gospel Tidbit:** Jesus seems to talk about possessions a great deal. To be his disciple, to be a steward, requires saying good-bye to everything which we think belongs to us.

### **This Week at St. Paul's**

#### **Thursday, September 11, 2025**

- 7:30 pm – Choir practice

#### **Friday, September 12, 2025**

- 2:00 pm – Outreach meeting in the Lounge

#### **Sunday, September 14, 2025 – Holy Cross Day**

- 10:30 am – Eucharist

#### **Readings for Next Sunday**

- Numbers 21:4b-9
- Psalm 98:1-6
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-24
- John 3:13-17

### **Upcoming Events**

**Friday, September 26, 2025 – 5:00 pm** – Free Community Supper in the Lower Hall

#### **St. Paul's Choir News:**

Our music director Stu Beaudoin and choir members invite and welcome you to join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. All voices are always welcome! We are an open and friendly "small group" who enjoy meeting weekly for fun, fellowship, learning and singing together. We help lead singing in weekly Sunday morning worship services.

Please feel free to come out this Thursday (or any other week). A warm welcome awaits you! Please let Stu know if you plan to come (cell 705-357-3299) so that Tiina will have a music folder ready for you!

The choir also meets on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary before the service to rehearse the day's anthem and other music. We all have various other commitments outside of church choir; please text Tiina (cell 416-806-6126) if you aren't able to be at a rehearsal or service. Thank you!

“Sing a new song to the Lord!”

Blessings,  
Stu and Tiina Beaudoin

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St. Paul’s is a “scent free” facility.**