



**Sunday, February 22, 2026**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**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**

*Solitude*

Beaudoin

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

*(please stand)*

**The Procession Enters in Silence**

**Celebrant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** **His mercy endures forever.**

**Celebrant:** Dear Friends in Christ, as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers, let us make ready our hearts to renew the covenant of our baptism. As we are able, let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

*(please kneel or stand, as you are able)*

**Celebrant:** Let us ask God to bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts. And most especially, let us remember the covenant of our baptism and test our hearts and conscience to know how faithfully we have persevered in resisting evil, and whenever we fell into sin, have repented and returned to the Lord.

*(silence is kept)*

**Celebrant:** Holy and immortal God,

**People:** you formed us from the dust in your image, and redeemed us from sin and death by the cross of our Saviour. Through the washing of baptism you raised us up with him to share in the new covenant with all your holy people. But we have squandered the inheritance of your saints, and have wandered far in a land that is waste. Therefore we turn to you in penitence and humility. In your great mercy, forgive us and restore us, that we may rejoice in your presence, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Celebrant:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

**Kyrie**

**CP 705**

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*(please be seated)*

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

**Reader:** The First Reading is written in the second chapter of the Book of Genesis beginning at the fifteenth verse

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the

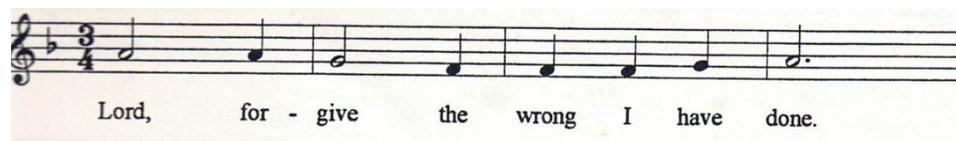
Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*(Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7)*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

### Psalm 32



### Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

**Reader:** The Second Reading is written in the fifth chapter of the Letter of Paul to the Romans beginning at the twelfth verse

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*(Romans 5:12-19)*

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

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

*(please stand)*

**Gradual**

*Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us*

**CP 564**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you

**People:** **And also with you**

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

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. *(Matthew 4:1-11)*

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ

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

*(please be seated)*

**Homily**

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

*(please stand)*

**The Nicene Creed**

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all this is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was**

**crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(please sit kneel/stand)*

### **Prayers of the People**

*(please stand)*

### **The Peace**

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

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

*(please stand)*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

**CP 175**

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

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name.

**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 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels, and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

### **Sanctus**

**CP 735**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, 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.*

*(please be seated)*

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,

**All:** Communion in Christ's body once broken.

**Celebrant:** Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**People:** If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.

**Agnus Dei**

**CP 747**

*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.*

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Communion**

**During Communion**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

**CP 617**

*(please be seated)*

**Anthem**

*Lamb of God*

Schroth

**Prayer after Communion**

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his 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**

*(please stand)*

**Recessional Hymn**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**CP 306**

*(please stand)*

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(please be seated)*

**Postlude**

*Postlude on Slane*

Hall

*(requested by R. Hall for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of his mother Rose)*

*If you have another commitment today,  
and need to depart the church during the postlude, feel free to do so quietly.*

**If you wish to contact Rev. Johanna, her email is, [revjohannapak@gmail.com](mailto:revjohannapak@gmail.com). For phone contact, please use the church 905-852-7016.**

### Weekly “tidbit”

**Stewardship Gospel Tidbit:** (Matthew 4:1-11) How many of us find ourselves in some kind of wilderness these days? How many of us feel pulled towards the many attractions of our day and age? Jesus also went through similar temptations, but was able to withstand them. A faithful steward lives a life following the example of Jesus. Take these Lenten Days to explore just how you’re doing as a Disciple, one who follows the example of Jesus.

### This Week at St. Paul’s

#### **Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

- 10:00 am – Midweek Eucharist
- 10:30 am – Informal Bible Study in the Lounge

#### **Friday, February 27, 2026**

- 10:30 am – Choir Practice
- 5:00 pm – Free Community Supper in the Lower Hall

#### **Sunday, March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday in Lent**

- 9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am – Eucharist
- 12:00 pm – Book Study “The Cross and the Lynching Tree” in the Lower Hall. Everyone Welcome.

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

- Genesis 12:1-4a
- Psalm 121
- Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
- John 3:1-17

### Upcoming Events

- **Mid-week Eucharist and Bible Study** continues on Wednesdays. The Eucharist is at 10:00 am in the church with the Informal Bible Study beginning at 10:30 am in the lounge. All are welcome.
- **World Day of Prayer – Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 12:00 pm.** The service this year is hosted by **St. Andrew’s-Chalmers Presbyterian Church**. See notices on bulletin boards.
- **Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 2:00 pm - Celebration of New Ministry Service for Reverend Johanna.** More details will follow. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend this celebration in the life of our parish.
- **St. Paul’s Creative Crafters** – All crafters are welcome. If you are a seasoned crafter or just starting out or want to learn and create. Come share your passion for handmade fun!  
 What to expect:
  - gather and share your love of knitting, crochet, stitchery, paper crafts and more
  - skill sharing ideas learning new techniques
  - become a part of our prayer shawl ministry, providing shawls, pocket squares and more to members of our community
  - you are welcome to bring your own craft projects and enjoy some fellowship with others
 Join us the **first Tuesday of every month** in the church lounge from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.  
 For more information contact Doreen Stainton – email [cedarviewarts@gmail.com](mailto:cedarviewarts@gmail.com)

**For the health and comfort of those with allergies  
 St. Paul’s is a “scent free” facility.**