



Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth 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 *Fantasia in c minor – The Weeping* Bach

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

(please stand)

The Procession Enters in Silence

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.**

Kyrie

CP 705

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; 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

(please be seated)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader: The First Reading is written in the sixteenth chapter of the First Book of Samuel beginning at the first verse

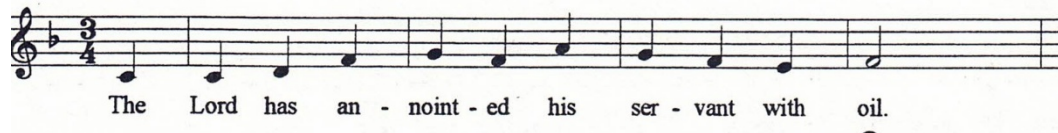
The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

(1 Samuel 16:1-13)

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23



Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Reader: The Second Reading is written in the fifth chapter of the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians beginning at the eighth verse

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (*Ephesians 5:8-14*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

Gradual

Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

CP 293

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go

to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be-come his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." (John 9:1-41)

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 sit/kneel)

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.**

(please stand)

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you!**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

(please stand)

Offertory Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

CP 397

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our 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; because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise 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

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

CP 446

(please be seated)

Anthem

In You We Are One

Althouse

Prayer after Communion

Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, 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

(please stand)

Recessional Hymn

Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night

CP 599

(please stand)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(please be seated)

Postlude

Fugue in c minor (the completion of the Fantasia)

Bach

*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. For phone contact, please use the church 905-852-7016.

Today we welcome the Reverend Donald Shields

Weekly “tidbit”

Stewardship Gospel Tidbit: (John 9:1-41) The Pharisees (those “in the know”) seem to think they’ve got all the right answers. The blind beggar (who has been “on the sidelines”) seems to recognize who Jesus really is, and what he’s about. What kinds of

implications are there in this story for those of us who consider ourselves to be faithful disciples and stewards?

This Week at St. Paul's

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

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

Thursday, March 19, 2026

- 1:00 pm – Outreach Committee meet in the Lounge

Friday, March 20, 2026

- 10:30 am – Choir Practice

Sunday, March 22, 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am – Eucharist
- 12:00 pm – Book Study in the Lower Hall. We conclude the study of “The Cross and the Lynching Tree” today.

Readings for Next Sunday

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130
- Romans 8:6-11
- John 11:1-45

Upcoming Events

- **Rev. Johanna is on winter break from March 9th until March 17th. If you have a pastoral emergency during that time please contact a warden or the church office 905-852-7016.**
- **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.
- **Friday, March 27, 2026 – 5:00 pm – Free Community Dinner** in the Lower Hall.
- **Friday, April 3, 2026 – 4:00 pm – Music at St. Paul's presents Cantorei Sine Nomine performing Buxtehude 'Membra Jesu Nostri'.** See posters on bulletin boards for more information.

- **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 othersJoin 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
- **St. Paul’s Choir** meet for choir practice on Friday mornings from 10:30 am until 12:00 pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. New members are always welcome and encouraged. Please let Stu know if you would like to participate.

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