



**Sunday May 10, 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**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**

*He Hideth My Soul*

Wolaver

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

*(please stand)*

**Processional Hymn**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**CP 429**

**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:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Celebrant:** May his grace and peace be with you.

**People:** **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

## 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.

## The Gloria

CP 686

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

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.

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.

## Collect of the Day

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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:** Acts 17:22-31

**Reader:** The First Reading is written in the seventeenth chapter of The Book of the Acts of the Apostles beginning at the twenty-second verse

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for

God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." (*Acts 17:22-31*)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

### Psalm 66:7-18



### Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

**Reader:** The Second Reading is written in the third chapter of the First Letter of Peter beginning at the thirteenth verse

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. (*1 Peter 3:13-22*)

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*(please stand)*

**Gradual Hymn**

*Seek Not in Distant, Ancient Hills*

**CP 470**

**Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you

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

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Alleluia

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." *(John 14:15-21)*

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ, Alleluia

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

*(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 or 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**

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

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

*(please stand)*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

**CP 524**

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

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. 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 for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Sanctus**

**CP 689**

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

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*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**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant:** Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All:** **Now we are raised to new life.**

**Celebrant:** We were buried in your tomb.

**All:** **Now we share in your resurrection.**

**Celebrant:** Live in us, that we may live in you.

### **Agnus Dei**

**CP 690**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.*

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

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

### **Communion**

**Communion Hymn**

*We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus*

**CP 80**

*(please be seated)*

**Choir Anthem**

*Sing for Joy*

Beaudoin

### **Prayer after Communion**

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

CP 486

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Postlude

*Prepare for God's Dance: Prelude and Fugue in G*

Buxtehude

*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:** (John 14:15-21) Jesus promises his disciples that he will go on living in and through them. A faithful steward hears this and allows her or himself to be used as a channel for Jesus in our own world. So, what characteristics of Jesus are going to be seen by what you do and say?

## This Week at St. Paul's

### Wednesday, May 13, 2026

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

### Friday, May 15, 2026

- 10:30 am – Choir practice

### Sunday, May 17, 2026 – Ascension Sunday

- 10:30 am – Eucharist

### **Readings for Next Sunday**

- Acts 1:1-11
- Psalm 24:7-10
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Luke 24:44-53

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual North Durham Prayer Breakfast**, sponsored by the Churches of Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock will be held at **Mill Run Golf Club at 7:00 a.m.** For more information, see notices on bulletin boards.
- **Friday, May 29, 2026 – 5:00 pm – Free Community Dinner** in the Lower Hall.
- **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](mailto: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.**