



**Sunday September 27, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
and Orange Shirt Day**

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 together on this beautiful territory, which we now know as Township of Uxbridge. This 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 for this land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today many Indigenous peoples, including the Métis 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

Elevation

Dubois

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

(please stand)

Processional Hymn

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

CP 373

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.

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 702

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.**

Kyrie

CP 687

Cantor:	Kyrie eleison	People:	<i>Kyrie eleison</i>
Cantor:	Christe eleison	People:	<i>Christe eleison</i>
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Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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 – Exodus 17:1-7

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

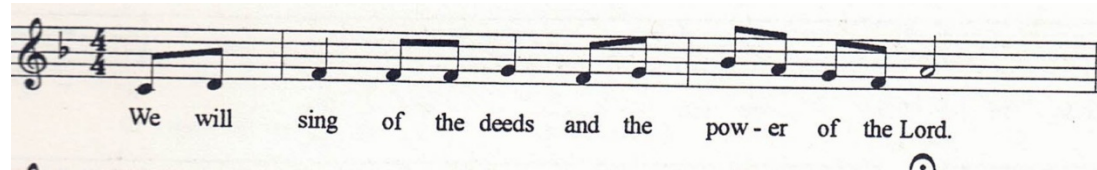
From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the

elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" (*Exodus 17:1-7*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16



Second Reading – Philippians 2:1-13

Reader: The Second Reading is written in the second chapter of the Letter of Paul to the Philippians beginning at the first verse

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (*Philippians 2:1-13*)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

Gradual Hymn

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

CP 361

Holy Gospel – Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." (*Matthew 21:23-32*)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(please be seated)

Homily – Education Video

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

Let My People Seek Their Freedom

CP 471

The Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 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

CP 732

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

(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: 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.

Agnus Dei

CP 745

*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, grant us peace.*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion

Communion Hymn

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

CP 439

(please be seated)

Anthem

Hey Ney Yana

Brook Medicine Eagle

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *[Refrain]*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside. *[Refrain]*

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Fugue

Dubois

*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.

This Week at St. Paul's

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

- 9:30 am – 12:00 pm – Wednesday Morning Coffee Drop-In in the Lower Hall
- 10:00 am – Mid Week Eucharist
- 10:30 am – Informal Bible Study in the Lounge

Thursday, October 1, 2026

- 10:00 am – Creative Crafters in the Lounge

Friday, October 2, 2026

- 10:30 am – Choir practice

Saturday, October 3, 2026

- 7:00 pm - Music at St. Paul's presents **The Ferrport Jazz Ensemble "Sizzle on a Fall Evening"**

Sunday, October 4, 2026 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am – Choir practice
- 10:30 am – Eucharist
- 2:00 pm – Blessing of Animals

Reading for Next Sunday

- Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
- Psalm 19
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- Matthew 21:33-46

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, October 17, 2026 – 7:00 pm** – Music at St. Paul's presents **Buy the Church a Chair Fund Raising Music Potpourri**. See poster on bulletin boards for more information.

- **Friday, October 23, 2026 – 7:00 pm – “Film and Faith”.** Join us in the Lower Hall for a movie (popcorn included) and discussion. The movie is to be decided. Invite a friend to join you for an evening of learning and fellowship.
- **Christian Education Book Study** - The Bible can sometimes feel overwhelming in its size and scope. To help us re-center before we enter the expectant season of Advent, our upcoming Christian education series will journey through Samuel Wells’ *The Heart of It All*. This study will take place after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sundays in October. The dates to be decided.
- **St. Paul’s Creative Crafters Drop-in will resume in October. NEW DAY and NEW TIME – first Thursday of each month starting Thursday October 1st.**

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 Thursday of every month** in the church lounge. Come by 10 a.m. leave by 1p.m.

For more information contact Doreen Stainton – email cedarviewarts@gmail.com

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