



# Conversion of Saint Paul

January 30th, 2022



“To know Jesus and make Him known”

## INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. This land is part of Treaty #20 signed in 1818 by representatives of the Anishinabe (Ojibway) peoples of Mississaugan and Chippewayan dialects. The treaty includes all of the City of Kawartha Lakes. We also recognize the enduring presence of First Nations peoples on this land.

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10:00 a.m. **MORNING PRAYER** **Book of Common Prayer**  
**Canon Greg Physick presiding**

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Sentence for Epiphany** The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2. 14.

## Processional Hymn # 503 **FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT**

**1**

Fight the good fight with all your  
might,  
Christ is your strength and Christ  
your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
your joy and crown eternally.

**2**

Run the straight race through God's  
good grace;  
lift up your eyes, and seek his face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path and Christ the  
prize.

**3**

Cast care aside, lean on your guide;  
his boundless mercy will provide.  
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Psalms 67 (congregation remain seated) page 409**

Leader GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, / and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

**ALL That thy way may be known upon earth, / thy saving health among all nations.**

Leader Let the people praise thee, O God; / yea, let all the people praise thee.

**ALL O LET the nations rejoice and be glad; / for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.**

Leader Let the people praise thee, O God; / yea, let all the people praise thee.

**ALL THE earth hath brought forth her increase; / and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.**

Leader God shall bless us; / and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

**All GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.**

### 1st Lesson is written in Acts 26:9-23

'Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

'With this in mind, I was travelling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads." I asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The Lord answered, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

'After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: that the Messiah must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.'

**Reader:** Here endeth the First Lesson

**Te Deum**

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### 2nd Lesson MATTHEW 10:16-22

See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

**Benedictus**

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**Sermon – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt**

**Choir Anthem – By All Your Saints Still Striving**

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Paul you caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world. May we who celebrate his wonderful conversion follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**COLLECT FOR PEACE**

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O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**COLLECT FOR GRACE**

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O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**Offertory Hymn # 341 GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF GRACE**

1	2
God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face; shine upon us, Saviour, shine; fill your church with light divine; and your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.	Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored; let the nations shout and sing glory to their Saviour King; at your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.

3

Let the people praise you, Lord;  
earth shall then its fruits afford,  
God to us all blessings give,  
we to God devoted live;  
all below and all above  
one in joy and light and love.

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

**Prayer for the Queen and the Commonwealth Page 12**

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy Name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayer for the Clergy and People**

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that

they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ **Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

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O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of people; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; [*\*especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. **Amen.**

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all people; [*\*particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings.*] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

### Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn # 444: YOUR HAND O GOD, HAS GUIDED

1	2
Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age; your faithfulness is written on history's open page. Our fathers owned your goodness, and we their deeds record; and both to this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord!	Your heralds brought the gospel to greatest and the least; they summoned men and women to share the great King's feast. And this was all their teaching in ev'ry deed and word, to all alike proclaiming: one church, one faith, one Lord!

3  
Your mercy will not fail us  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us  
the vict'ry shall be won.  
And then by earth and heaven  
your name shall be adored;  
and this shall be our anthem:  
one church, one faith, one Lord!

### Blessing

### The Grace

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## ON THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL'S

When modern people speak of "conversion," they usually mean some tremendous event which moves them from one way of life into its complete opposite. And so, on the feast of the Conversion of Paul, it might be thought that we are celebrating Paul's change of religion, as if he ceased being a Jew and became a Christian. The Book of Acts, with its story of Paul's overwhelming experience on the road to Damascus, has reinforced this view.

But Paul himself did not see the event in quite the same way. We have his own words in the Letter to the Galatians: "He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles." In using such language, Paul placed himself in the company of the prophets of ancient Israel; and when he tried to say what had happened to him, he spoke in terms of a prophetic calling. So, it was not the revelation of another religion that Paul experienced. Instead, he experienced something which revealed the meaning and purpose of his whole life; and by this revelation of Christ, God also manifested the meaning and purpose of Paul's *Judaism*. Paul was not responding to a demand that he deny Judaism and change his religion. He was responding to a call that he share in the fulfillment of Judaism and make all other nations partners with Israel in the one salvation of God.

**from For All The Saints**

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## HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Annual Vestry Meeting February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### Events planned if pandemic regulations allow :

#### **CONCERT "Infinitely More" April 9th, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

A marvellous husband & wife team that has won 2 GMA Covenant Awards.

Imagine a journey of music that takes you through the wonder of Holy Week, to the foot of the cross, and brings you to that life-changing Sunday morning!

THERE'S A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TOMB

is an uplifting and inspirational event for your Lent and Easter celebrations!

#### **ANNUAL SPRING THAW DINNER AND LOONIE AUCTION**

planned for after Easter

#### **SPRING IN BLOOM MARKET Saturday May 28th 10 am – 4 pm**

A new version of our Market Day

Taking its place will be many small vendors from all over the City and beyond displaying their handmade items. There will be fun games for the kids, music - perhaps even a clown visit, giveaways. All taking place in the Courtyard and parking lot.

Thank you Zinda Harper and committee for your preparations.