



*The Road to Damascus*

**January 29, 2023**  
**The Conversion of St. Paul**  
“To know Jesus and make Him known”

**INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.*

*Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.*

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**PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 283 By All Your Saints Still Striving (v 1, 2c., 3)**

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sentence:** This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses. *Acts 2:32*

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**All:** 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 forever. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**1ST READING – 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 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 —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 :** This is the word of The Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Psalm: 67**

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**Gradual Hymn #483 O Jesus, I Have Promised (v. 1, 2)**

**The Holy Gospel- Matthew 10: 16-22**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

‘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.

**“Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ”**

**Gradual Hymn #483 O Jesus, I Have Promised (v. 3, 4)**

**HOMILY-** The Rev Bonnie Skerritt

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**OFFERTORY HYMN #505 Be Thou My Vision**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PRAYER OVER GIFTS**

Celebrant: Almighty God , as we celebrate this holy eucharist, may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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Preface: Blessed are you , gracious God creator of Heaven and Earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his resurrection sent forth Apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. Therefore, we join our voices with theirs as earth and heaven unite to proclaim the glory of your name.

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**JESUS, LAMB OF GOD (sung) CP #747**

**Celebrant** Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
**All** Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

**Music during Communion**  
**HYMN # 352, Amazing Grace**  
**HYMN \$ 455 Dear God Compassionate and kind**  
**HYMN # 500 Servant Song**

**ANTHEM:** Maranatha 229 Open Our Eyes

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All: Gracious God, you filled your apostle Paul with love for all the churches. May the sacrament we have received foster**

**love and unity among your people. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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**RECESSIONAL HYMN # 503 Fight The Good Fight**

*The Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of My Mother Anne Brownell by Rev Bonnie*

**Upcoming Services**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Epiphany 5**  
**February 12, 2023 – Epiphany 6**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Transfiguration Sunday**  
**February 22, Ash Wednesday**  
**11.am – said service and 7pm – with choir**

**Announcements**

**A Town Hall meeting will take place on Saturday Feb 11, 9-12pm ALL PARISHONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. A LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

**Vestry is March 5, 2023, (snow date March 12<sup>th</sup> ) Please start preparing your reports now**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch and Supper. John Gundy is looking for Volunteers. A sign up sheet will be posted shortly.**

**The search for new Wardens is on again! Below is some updated information regarding the role of Warden.**

**CHURCHWARDEN DUTIES**

**#1 is Team work:** (The Incumbent, and the Wardens)  
At St. Paul’s the churchwardens oversee & are responsible for a variety of things (finances, staff, the building, etc.) as

the legal corporation of the church. You work closely with the Incumbent, and function as a team of Wardens. The Incumbent is an excellent source of information, plus each warden usually has strengths and life experiences that can help the group of you manage the tasks.

**Many others do the essential tasks that Warden’s oversee and for which they are responsible:**

While the Wardens have responsibilities set out in the parish manual and the Church Canons, St. Paul’s has a substantial number of appointed and volunteer people who take on the work required to fulfill those responsibilities, for example, the Property Committee, the Treasurer and Finance Committee, the Special Events Committee etc. These folks do the work that is ultimately overseen by the Wardens.

In addition, the Toronto Diocese has a website with valuable information and support such as the Canons, Parish Leaders’ Manual, legal information and assistance (Legal Connex), and other people who can be contacted about insurance etc. The Trent Durham Parish Leadership Workshop is also a great way to learn all about the church and roles as leaders. Last year, it was offered online using Zoom.

For more information, please speak to Rev. Bonnie or any member of the Management Team.

