



May 14th, 2023
Easter 6
St Paul's Anglican Church

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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10:00 am **Holy Eucharist (BAS)**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn CP# 223 Christ is Risen

Welcome & Announcements

Sentence: If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. See *John 14.23*

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Collect of the Day

All: 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 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

1st Reading – Acts 17: 22-31

Then 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.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 66: 7-18

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2nd Reading – 1 Peter 3: 13-22

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 account of 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 people, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn CP #645 Come Down O Love Divine (v 1-2)

The Holy Gospel – John 14:15-21

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

'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 for ever. 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.'

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual Hymn CP #645 Come Down O Love Divine (v3-4)

Homily – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

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Offertory Hymn CP #429 For the Beauty of The Earth

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: 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 # 5 page 204

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord CP 735

The Lord's Prayer page 211

Breaking of the Bread # 8 page 212

Jesus, Lamb of God 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.

Hymns during Communion

Hymn CP # 629 Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness

Hymn CP # 375 At the Name of Jesus

Hymn VU # 289 It Only Takes a Spark (Pass it On)

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up
In its glowing; that's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it: you spread God's
Love to everyone, you want to pass it on.
2. What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees
Are budding, the birds begin to sing, the flowers
Start their blooming; that's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it: you want to sing,
It's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've
found – on God you can depend, it matters not
Where you're bound; I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know: the Lord of love has come to
me, I want to pass it on.

Anthem VU #320 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Prayer after Communion

All: 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.

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn CP #374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Announcements

Happy Mother's Day to all the women in the congregation! As token of our appreciation for the nurturing you do, our sidespeople will be handing out carnations to each of you at the end of the service.

Please note that during the months of May & June, **offering plates will be kept at the back of the church and not passed during the Offertory hymn.** If you wish to make your offering via the plate, please place it on the plate ahead of the service.

Upcoming Services

May 21st, Ascension Sunday – BAS Holy Eucharist

May 28th, Pentecost Sunday – BAS Holy Eucharist