



**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**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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#### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Processional Hymn: CP #309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Sentence:** Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of age. *Matthew 28 19,20*

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**Glory to God (The Gloria)**      page 186

#### **Collect of the Day**

**All: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen**

#### **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

##### **1<sup>st</sup>. Reading - Acts 1: 1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the

Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Reader: This is the Word of The Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: 93**

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##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Ephesians 1: 15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader This is the Word of The Lord

**People : Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn: CP #247 Hail the Day that sees Him Rise (V1-3)**

**The Holy Gospel - Luke 24: 44-53**

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Gradual Hymn CP #247 Hail the Day that sees Him Rise (V 4-6)**

**Homily: The Rev Bonnie Skerritt**

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**Offertory Hymn CP # 482 Come and Journey with a Saviour**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with you till the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in this his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Eucharistic Prayer # 3

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**Preface of Ascension:** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there might we also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord**

**CP #735**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Breaking of the Bread # 8**

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**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 #225 Come Away to the Skies

Hymn: CP #52 O God Unseen Yet Ever Near

Hymn: CP #84 Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

### Prayer after Communion:

**All: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us live**

**the good news we proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Doxology**

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**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: CP #598 Go To the World**

### Announcements

**Where's the plate?** 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. We will be monitoring this to see if it negatively effects our weekly offerings. Of course, the option of Pre-Authorized Giving is available to any interested. It is a great way to ensure that your offering to the Lord remains regular.

**Thy Kingdom Come** – have you made your pledge to Pray for 5? Lots of resources are available online including an app. Go to [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) for more info.

It's almost time for our **Car Trunk Sale!** Come join us in the parking lot on **May 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Lots of treasures to be found and a bake table too!

Those interested in taking a next step in the Reconciliation process are invited to come out to **"Mapping the Ground We Stand On", June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:00 pm.** This is a PWRDF led event and we are very blessed to be able to have them come to our parish. Please register by June 15<sup>th</sup> by calling the Parish Office (705) 324-4666. We are limited to 30 people.

### Upcoming Services

**May 28<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday BAS Holy Eucharist**  
**June 4<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Sunday, BCP Holy Communion**  
**June 11<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost 2, BAS Holy Eucharist**