



**St. Paul's Anglican Church
June 16th, 2024
Pentecost 4**

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10:00 am Holy Eucharist (BAS)

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.**

Processional Hymn

#502 You are the Salt of the Earth

Welcome

Sentence

Quietly accept the message planted in your hearts; it can bring you salvation. James 1.21

The Gathering of the Community (*All stand*)

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.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All 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.

Glory to God

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
All 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you.
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct
and rule our hearts; 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

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty
top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from
the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and
lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in
order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a
noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its
branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees
of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high
tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make
the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15 *(said responsively)*

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night season;

On the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;

They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

That they may show how upright the Lord is, my rock, in whom there is no fault.

All O Most High, at all times and in all seasons, you are worthy of our grateful praise; grant us the insight to perceive the greatness of your works, the certainty of being founded on you our eternal rock, and the wisdom to sing the praises of your name, in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For

the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Gradual Hymn

#546 (vs 1-3) God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HoLy Gospel Mark 4: 26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn

#546 (vs 4-6) God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Homily The Rev'd Bonnie Skerritt

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Linda our Primate, Anne our Metropolitan, Chris our Indigenous Archbishop, Andrew and Riscylla our bishops, Bonnie

our Incumbent and Canon Greg our Honourary assistant, and for all bishops and other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for this city and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those preparing for baptism, and for Brielle who was recently baptized: that they may be strengthened in the faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

Lord, hear our prayer

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All 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.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

#585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. We ask this in his name.

People Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unflinchingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last and the last first.

Therefore, we raise our voices with angels and archangels, evermore praising you and saying.

People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

People Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore, we proclaim our hope.

People **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked with suffering, our sisters and our brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever,

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

The Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you wish a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms on your chest.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

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

81 **Father, We Thank Thee Who has Planted**

#458 **Seek ye First**

Choir Anthem: **Be Still for the Presence of the Lord**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All 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

Recessional Hymn

#631 The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Dismissal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCENT ALLERGIES

Please refrain from using perfume or aftershave as we have several parishioners with strong reactions to the same. Thank you.

Next week will be the National Indigenous Day of Prayer service.



STRAWBERRY SUPPER HELP

The sign-up sheets for the advance prep and the event staffing are posted in the hall. **Please sign up today** to support this outreach/fundraiser that St. Paul's has been doing for the past 35 years.

As required by the Ontario Marriage Act for the **publication of Banns** we are pleased to announce the wedding of **Eric Redshaw and Krysta McCallum** on Friday, July 5th at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Lindsay. Any known reason why this marriage should not happen should be reported to The Reverend Bonnie Skerritt.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 40: 25 -31

Psalm 19

Philippians 4: 4 – 9

John 1: 1 -18



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45 Russell St. West Lindsay

THURSDAY JUNE 20th, 2024

4:30 – 6:30

TICKETS

ADULT \$20 CHILDREN (5-12) \$8

- *Advance sales only.*
- *Available at the church, Monday to Friday from 9:00 to noon.*
- *Call 705-324-4666 for info.*

FYI Summer Services will not be live-streamed.



Thank you for worshipping with us today.

*Please join us in the hall for a time of refreshment
and fellowship after the service.*

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