



**St. Paul's Anglican Church  
September 8, 2024  
Pentecost 16**

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**Incumbent – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt**  
**Honorary Assistant – The Rev. Canon Greg Physick**  
**Music Director – Arlene Gray**

**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 # 1            Holy, Holy, Holy**

#### **Sentence**

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. *Matthew 4.23*

#### **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.

All              Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; 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      Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader              The word of the Lord.

People              Thanks be to God.

**Psalm #125      (said responsively)**

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

**The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore**

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

**Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.**

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

**All                    Lord, surround your people with your presence. Do not let us stretch out our hands to evil deeds, or be destroyed by the snares of the enemy, but bring us to share the land prepared for the saints in light, where you live and reign, God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Second Reading    James 2:1-10,14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their

bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader                      The word of the Lord.

**People                      Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

### **Gradual Hymn #293 (vs 1-2) Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old**

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 7: 24-37**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So, she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he

sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

Reader                      The Gospel of Christ.

**People                      Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn #293 (vs 3) Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old**

**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 pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, “Lord hear our prayer.”) O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

**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 #415 All Things Bright and Beautiful**

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**People Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

## *Eucharistic Prayer 4*

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 It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant But we turn against you and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again, you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages, you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**



Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever. 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     Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**All             So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

## **The Communion**

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**

**# 73                 One Bread, One body, One Lord of All**

**#484                In Christ There is no East or West**

**Anthem:         Let Us Build a House**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant     Let us pray.

Celebrant      Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 #355 All Creatures of Our God and King**

**Dismissal**



**Next Week's Readings**

**Proverbs 1: 20-33**

**Psalm 19**

**James 3: 1-12**

**Mark 8:27-38**



**“Back to Church Sunday”** is today.  
Please join us for our indoor BBQ. Yum.

**All are WELCOME!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Designated Giving #215 for the Month of September** is in support of **ARocha**, a Christian environmental organization focused on CREATION CARE. This means parishes like ours can benefit from the wisdom, experience and success of like-minded churches. Working as “stewards of creation” we can help mend the damage that would permanently destroy the atmosphere, oceans and inhabitants of “this our fragile earth, our island home.”



On Welcome Back Sunday we are so pleased to **welcome Arlene Gray** back to St. Pauls as our **Music Director**.

Arlene’s musical gifts are well known to us and we are so grateful to have her here to uplift our voices and souls to Almighty God.

Arlene will also be staffing the office Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 – noon as **parish secretary**. Her computer and organizational skills will make for a smooth-running office. She will give the caring and support that Rev. Bonnie and parishioners need.

As a bonus, we are grateful to have her husband Ken back in our congregation as a choir member and bell ringer extraordinaire.

**Arlene and Ken – WELCOME BACK to St. Pauls**

**We welcome Rev Bonnie Back from Vacation:** thank Gail Payne, Ethel Morris, Canon Greg Physick and Rev Frank Tyrell for filling in.



We also wish to thank **Betty Drummond** for filling in as our summer pianist. Thank you for doing such a great job!

The deadline for submitting **Grapevine articles** and photos was Sept 3rd, but one Sunday, someone announced it was Sept 10th. Anyway, if everyone who wants to still submit info could make sure I get it by email no later than Sunday Sept 8th. **Diane Stecher.**

**Choir practice** will begin again on Thursday night at 7 pm. If you are interested in singing, please consider joining us as our newly hired Music Director (Arlene Gray) begins her ministry at St. Paul's.



We are looking for people to do dishes at the **Mystery Dinner.** Do you know someone that would help out?? A son or daughter; a grandchild; a friend.

Please have them contact me Paul C or Barb Truax.

## **TREASURER NEEDED**

Since February we have been asking for someone to step up and volunteer to take on the treasurers' job as Tom Ross is retiring as of the end of October. To date no one has come forward and we are down to "**crunch time**". Tom has done a lot of work on transferring as many tasks as possible to our new bookkeeper and has reduced significantly the number of tasks left to the treasurer. A sheet outlining the breakdown between the two positions is available. **Please, if you have any accounting skills, speak to one of us about this position today so mentoring with Tom can begin for a smooth transition. *The church must have a treasurer.***

### **Schedule:**

Mon. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

Management Team Meeting

Wed. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

Advisory Board Meeting

Thurs. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

Choir Rehearsal

**Office Hours. Tuesday to Thursday 9 – 12.**



*Thank you for worshipping with us today.*

*Hope to see you join us again!*

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