

St Paul's Anglican Church

October 13, 2024 Harvest Thanksgiving

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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 #262 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Sentence

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

- Psalm 126.6

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.

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 Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm #65



You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions. **R**

Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. **R**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might. **R**

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. **R**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. **R**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. **R**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing. **R**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this

was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #88 (Sing) Give Thanks for Life

1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days, mortal, we pass through beauty that decays, yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise, Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night, who touched the truth, who burned for what is right, Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel Matthew 6:25-33

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #88 (Sing) Give Thanks for Life

3 And for our own, our living and our dead, thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a love not changed by time or death or dread, Hallelujah, hallelujah!

4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain lying in darkness does its life retain, in resurrection to grow green again, Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Homily The Rev'd Bonnie Skerritt

The Nicene Creed

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

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Litany 19)

Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying "We thank you, Lord" (R)

For the beauty and wonder of creation, R

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, R

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends, **R**

For minds to think and hearts to love, **R**

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play, R

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, R

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth, R

Today we give thanks especially for... R

For (... and) all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ, **We thank you Lord, Amen**

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 #384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our 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,

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Hymns during Communion

#403 Let All Things Now Living

#259 For the Fruit of All Creation

#399 Now Thank We All Our God

Anthem: Lord, We Come Together Here

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. 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 #258 We Plough the Fields and Scatter

Dismissal

Postlude: (Feel free to sit and listen)



Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Designated Giving #215 for the Month of October will benefit our six FOSTER CHILDREN in Latin America. St. Paul's is their sole sponsor. It is only through our donations that they are comfortably housed, well nourished, much loved, and schooled for a successful future. We pray for their safety, especially in Haiti.

Choir practice has resumed on Thursday nights at 7 pm. If you are interested in singing, please consider joining us!

Calendars are in! If you wish to purchase a \$5 calendar, they are in the office. We only have 25 at this price so get them soon.

Quilt Tickets are available until the Mystery Dinner night (Oct. 26) so pop into the office or check at the table today.

Nominating Committee We are looking for three people to form a nominating committee for Vestry. Please see Betty or Paul if you can assist with this.

Weekly Schedule If you would like your event posted in the weekly schedule, please send a note to the office or drop it off into the office.

Gift Cards Reminder to help support our Parish consider purchasing these cards and for those who already do, Thanks!



Handbells Anyone? We are rehearsing upstairs on Thursdays beginning at 4 pm until 5:30. Anyone interested is welcome and we can set up a couple of learning classes.

Schedule:

Mon. Community Choir		weekly	7:00 pm	hall
Tues.	ESL*	weekly 9:	30 – 11:30	hall
Thurs.	ESL*	weekly 9:	30 – 11:30	hall
Thurs.	Sisterhood	weekly 12	2:00 - 2:00	hall
Thurs.	Handbells	weekly 4:	00 pm	upper
Thurs.	Choir Rehearsal	weekly 7:	00 pm sanct	tuary
Tues. – Fri. Tai Chi		weekly 9:	30 – 11:30	upper

Tues. Horticultural 3+1 (see B Board) 10:00 am hall Friday Oct. 24 & 25 Mystery Dinner setup hall Saturday Oct. 26 Mystery Diner setup and event hall

3rd Friday Kawartha Food Source 9:00 – 11:30 kitchen 3rd Tuesday Horticultural Society 7:00 – 9:00 hall

Tower of Tins – Thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's "Tower of Tins" Thanksgiving food drive! The parish's continued generosity in responding to feeding the hungry in our community is to be commended. Thank you! And a special thank you to the Tai Chi group who does much to support this, and other, outreach initiatives in the parish.

"Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor." *Proverbs 22 vs 9*





Sessions for Spiritual Renewal: click

on the 'Season of Spiritual Renewal' tab on the diocesan website's homepage to sign up. All workshops are from 1:00 – 2:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

October 22, Preaching Through Advent
November 6, Christian Meditation and The Jesus Prayer
November 14, Silence, Stillness, Simplicity: Leading Christian meditation

November 21, Equipping Parents as Spiritual Nurturers

Thanksgiving envelopes are available by the door to the Main Hall and in the pews.

^{*}English as a 2nd Language

TREASURER update

The Management Team would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Ross for his many years of service as Treasurer at St. Paul's. His expertise, co-operative attitude and gentle spirit have seen us through a number of challenging situations. Tom retires at the end of this month; he will truly be missed in this position. May God bless Tom and his wife Janice in all the travelling they hope to do.

As a new treasurer has not been found, Paul Carpentier will be the Interim Treasurer.

Management Team

Please let the office know if you did not get the Thanksgiving letter through email. For those who need to have a printed letter, a limited number are available for pick up in the Main Hall. Thank You.

We Strive to be a Scent free space

Office Hours. Tuesday to Thursday 9 – 12.

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ANNUAL

MYSTERY DINNER

THEATRE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th

7:00 pm

WINE & BEER BAR

\$55.00 PP

TICKETS: Church office - 705-324-4666

Barb - Reserved seating / tickets - 705-324 -6257





Thank you for Worshipping with us Today.

Please join us after Worship for Refreshments and Fellowship!

Please note that all hymns are taken from Common Praise (1998) or are printed in the leaflet

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