

St Paul's Anglican Church

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Conversion of St. Paul

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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**

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this church is situated on the traditional territory of the Mississauga peoples and is covered by the Williams Treaties. 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 First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile ourselves, and to work for justice and reconciliation with the peoples and the land. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

Prelude

Processional Hymn #283 By All Your Saints Still Striving (v 1, 2c, 3)

Sentence

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. *Acts 2.32*

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 **Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Paul you caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world. May we who celebrate his wonderful conversion follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading – Acts 26:9-23

‘Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to

force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

‘With this in mind, I was travelling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.” I asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The Lord answered, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

‘After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: that the Messiah must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.’

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67



May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity, and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing. May God give us his blessing and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **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 – Galatians 1:11-24

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.' And they glorified God because of me.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #438 O Jesus, I Have Promised (v.1,2)

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 - Mathew 10:16-22

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #438 O Jesus, I Have Promised (v.3,4)

Homily Bishop Riscylla Shaw

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

(As we stand in God’s presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”)

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

Silence

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.

Reception / Reaffirmation of Vows

Bishop The candidates will now be presented.

Presenter I present **these persons** to be received into this Communion; and **these persons** who desire to reaffirm **their** baptismal vows.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates I do.
Celebrant Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates I do.
Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.
Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People We will.
Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Silence

Celebrant Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The bishop lays her hand upon each one.

**For Reception MaryLou Tompkins
Ursula Ruhbach**

N, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

**For Reaffirmation Ashley Boteler
Gail Payne**

N, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them

in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #505 Be Thou My Vision

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Almighty God, as we celebrate this holy eucharist, may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 3

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his resurrection sent forth apostles to preach the gospel and to teach all nations, and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. Therefore with angels and archangels and all your holy people, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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 We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before

you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the 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." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, 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 We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

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.

At this time, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is strictly prohibited for hygienic reason. If desired, you may instead lay your hands on the base of the chalice.

Hymns during Communion

Eucharist 1: #352 Amazing Grace
Eucharist 2: #615 Just As I Am

Anthem: Lord, Lead Me, Lord – *Gilbert M. Martin*

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Gracious God, you filled your apostle Paul with love for all the churches. May the sacrament we have received foster love and unity among your people. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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 #371 To God Be the Glory

Dismissal

Celebrant: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go, serve the world God loves!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: (Feel free to sit and listen)



Flowers this morning

are to the Glory of God and in memory of
Anne Brownell
from Rev. Bonnie

Next Week's Readings –

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 84

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God
forgave you."*

– St. Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Designated Giving for January #215 will benefit the **Alzheimer's Society of Kawartha Lakes**. Almost all of us know of someone – perhaps a person very dear to us – who has been diagnosed with dementia. Imagine if we could prolong whatever is now positive in their life. This is how the Alzheimer society helps: with specially designated programs and very practical guidance for friends and family. Our donations help strengthen this service.

Refreshment Time helpers The sign-up sheet is up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

Episcopal Visit: We are delighted to welcome Bishop Riscylla Shaw this morning for our patronal festival.

Spiritual Renewal: click on the 'Season of Spiritual Renewal' tab on the diocesan website to see what's new and to sign up.

Progressive Dinner: An In- House Progressive dinner is planned for February 15th, 5:00 pm at 13 Melbourne St. West. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall with space for twelve people. This will be a four-course dinner by donation for St. Paul's General Funds.

Income Tax Receipts: Available in your slots

Gift Cards Reminder to continue purchasing these cards until we run out and for those who already do, Thanks



Renewal begins with prayer. Right across our diocese people are praying for spiritual renewal to take hold in their own lives, as well as the life of their church, and our diocese. Let's make a daily commitment to spend at least a few minutes in prayer, drawing close to God, who promises to draw close to us and be at work in and through us.

Custodial Duties With the retirement of Don and Marg Brohm from the cleaning of the church and halls, we need to come up with a new plan/strategy for getting the work done. The hope is to work out an in-house solution verses hiring a new staff member. Please speak to Paul Carpentier if you see yourself being part of a team to get the work done.

Vestry Year End Reports Please send them in sooner than later. Deadline is February 9th Please and Thanks.

Prayer for Vestry: Eternal God, Source of all life, we thank you and praise you for all those who come together at St. Paul's to form a community of believers, sheep of your flock.

We pray for all in leadership here that the Holy Spirit would bless them with wisdom and good courage to do your will; and we pray for our Vestry meeting and each member that you would refresh your mission within us and that you would bless this parish with renewal. Amen.

Weekly Schedule:

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| 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 | 12:00 – 1:00 | hall |
| Thurs. | Handbells | weekly | 3:45 pm | sanctuary |
| Thurs. | Choir Rehearsal | weekly | 7:00 pm | sanctuary |
| Tues. – Fri. | Tai Chi | weekly | 9:30 – 11:30 | upper |
| 3 rd Friday | Kawartha Food Source | | 9:00 – 11:30 | kitchen |
| 3 rd Tuesday | Horticultural Society | | 7:00 – 9:00 | hall |



Management Feb. 3rd at 10:00 am

Advisory Feb. 5th at 7:00 pm

*English as a 2nd Language

A reminder to wear **nametags** to help others know who you are.

We Strive to be a Scent free space

Our Condolences to the family and friends on the passing of

Anne Weatherston

May she rest in peace and rise in glory




Office Hours:
Tues – Thurs 9:00 - noon

St. Paul Events 2025

Shrove Tuesday

March 4th



Shrove Tuesday

Spring Thaw



April 5th

Strawberry Supper



June 19th

Murder Mystery



October 25th

Concert and Tea



November 22nd

House Tour



November 29th

Christmas Day Dinner



December 25th



*Thank you for Worshipping with us Today.
Please join us after Worship for Refreshments and
Fellowship!*

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