



St Paul's Anglican Church

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Epiphany 6

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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.**

Prelude: “Like a Healing Stream” – with Violin

Processional Hymn # 565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Sentence

Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

- Luke 6.23

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 Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; 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 – Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

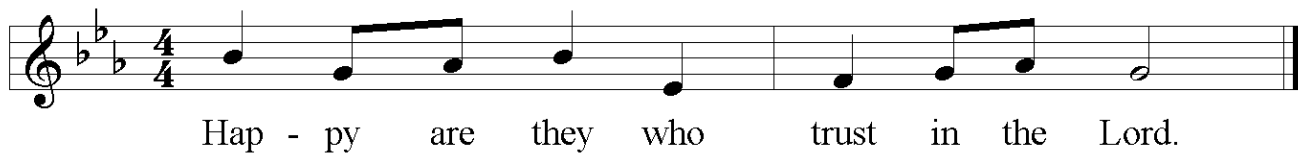
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law · day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows a-way.

Therefore, the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the · wicked is doomed.

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 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true

that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart vs 1,2

Holy Gospel - Luke 6:17-26

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn # 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart vs 3,4

Homily Rev. 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

By your incarnation and your birth in poverty, by your baptism, your fasting, and your trials in the desert, O Lord, hear our prayer;

Lord, have mercy.

By your agony in the garden, by your cross and passion, by your death and burial, by your resurrection and ascension, and by the gift of your Holy Spirit, O Lord, hear our prayer;

Lord, have mercy.

In times of trouble and in times of well-being, at the hour we die and on the day of your glory, O Lord, hear our prayer;

Lord, have mercy.

Deliver us from war and violence, from hardness of heart and from contempt of your love and your promises; O Lord, hear our prayer;

Lord, have mercy.

Enlighten our lives with your word, that in it we may find our way and our hope; O Lord, hear our prayer;

Lord, have mercy.

Assist your people in every land, govern them in peace and justice, defend them from the enemies of life; O Lord, hear our prayer;

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn # 381 Praise, My Soul

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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, unfailingly 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 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: # Be Not Afraid (Gather)

[Verse 1] You shall cross the barren desert, But you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not know the way, You shall speak your words in foreign lands, And all will understand, You shall see the face of God and live

[Chorus] Be not afraid, I go before you always, Come follow Me, And I will give you rest

[Verse 2] If you pass through raging waters in the sea, You shall not drown, If you walk amid the burning flames, You shall not be harmed, If you stand before the power of hell, And death is at your side, Know that I am with you through it all.

[Verse 3] Blessed are your poor, For the kingdom shall be theirs, Blessed are you that weep and mourn, For one day you shall laugh. And if wicked men (tongues) insult and hate you, All because of Me Blessed, blessed are you!

Eucharist 2: # 67 God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living

Anthem: The Keeper of Your Soul

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this 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 # 662 The Trees of the Field

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" with Violin

(Feel free to sit and listen)

So often we pray and then fret anxiously, waiting for God to hurry up and do something. All the while God is waiting for us to calm down, so He can do something through us. -Corrie ten Boom

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6: 27-38

Announcements

The Designated Giving for February #215 will benefit the local **Habitat for Humanity**. With the home construction season coming soon, Habitat volunteers will begin their labours. Fortunately, even if we're not hammering and sawing, we can join the cause. Building materials like lumber are a major expense, but with our donations we'll help make sure that yet another family has a safe place to live.

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!



SAVE YOUR LOONIES!!!! Spring Thaw Dinner and Loonie Auction Sat. April 5, 2025, 6 PM Come and enjoy a 3-course catered dinner. \$40.00 PP – Prebooked, Reserved Seating.

Donations of items: pies, baked goods, gift cards or certificates, preserves, wine, knitted goods, ceramics, etc. are welcome. To be handed

in to Linda Todd, Barb Truax or through the office (please indicate 'Spring thaw' and your name on item)

Tickets on Sale: Feb 2 (cash, cheque, square) every Sunday and during church office hours (Tues-Thurs 9-12)

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

Baby Grand Piano (by Paul C.) update. We have a "Buy a Key" for \$34 Campaign going; there are 88 keys! Perhaps you may wish to buy more than one; maybe even an octave (8 keys)? So far we have **sold 53 keys!**



The movers (Fannings) are picking it up for us on Tuesday February 18th, so it will be here for Sunday the 23rd. (Vestry Sunday)

"Please mark "Baby Grand (or designated #101) on your envelope and it will be added to your givings for tax purposes. Betty and I are very appreciative of the strong support (verbal and financial) and positive response this has received right out of the gate

You will hear and see the difference a baby grand makes in sound and appearance.



Pancake Lunch/Supper tickets are on sale: The annual Shrove Tuesday pancake festivities take place on March 4th this year. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10 years of age. Lunch will be from 11:30 – 1:00 and supper will be from 5:00 - 6:30. **The sign-up sheet** is in the hall for the volunteer positions we need to fill for the event to run smoothly. Please help us out as you are able.

Income Tax Receipts: Please inform the office if you do not receive your receipt by the end of the month. Receipts not yet picked up will be mailed out this week.

Volunteer Custodians (by Paul C.) I am pleased to inform you that 7 people have stepped up to offer their help to keep our church and halls clean. We (Don Brohm and I) have started spreading the work out with tasks that take under one hour a week (most closer to 1/2hour). We expect to have everyone lined up with their task by the end of next week. These gifts of time and treasure will save the church over \$9,000 in salaries this year, help our 2025 budget really needs. Thank you so much for stepping up!

Vestry Year End Reports Will be emailed out next week. Hard copies will be available.

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.

Annual Vestry Meeting – Please be advised that the annual meeting of Vestry will take place after morning service on Sunday, February 23rd. A light lunch will precede the meeting.

Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of the parish.

Save the Date! Our deanery will be hosting a **Lenten Retreat Day** and we would love to see a good turnout from across the deanery. Saturday, March 29th at Celebrations in Lindsay.

Topic: Exploring Spiritual Health - Individually & in our Parishes.

Lunch will be included.

Also, your Spiritual Development Committee is working on providing a **Lenten study** for you that is coming from the Diocese. More details will be released next Sunday, so watch this space!!



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.

Please check out the St. Paul's bulletin board in the Hall for more information about what's happening during the Season of Spiritual Renewal.

ATV for Sale: Are you interested in purchasing (or know someone who might be) a Venom III 110 cc ATV that was donated to the church. We are asking \$1000. Please connect with Paul C.



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