



St Paul's Anglican Church

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Epiphany 7

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10:00 am **Holy Eucharist BAS**

Indigenous 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: "O for a Closer Walk with God"

Processional Hymn # 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Sentence

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

- John 13.34

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, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 – Genesis 45:3-11, 15

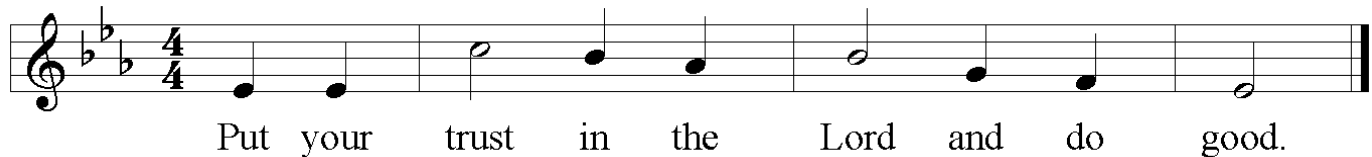
Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 37: 1-12, 41-42



Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. **R**

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches. Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire. **R**

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass. He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday. **R**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. **R**

Refrain from anger, leave rage a-lone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. **R**

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there. But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. **R**

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in 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 – 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those

who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail (v. 1-3)

Holy Gospel - Luke 6: 27-38

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.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn # 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail (v. 4-6)

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 Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 5

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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People (sung) Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

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 you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread and share in the life of the family of your children.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

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 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: 504 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Eucharist 2: 49 Draw Near and Take

Anthem: Prayer for Unity (Choir and Bells)

Special Music: St. Paul's Bells

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 # 460 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: "The Trees of the Field" (Feel free to sit and listen)

*Give us Lord, a bit o'sun,
A bit o'work, and a bit o'fun;
Give us all, in the struggle and sputter
Our daily bread and a bit o'butter.
On an old inn, Lancaster, England*

Next Week's Readings - Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36

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 update. The piano is in. We have a "Buy a Key" for \$34 Campaign going; there are 88 keys! So far, we have sold 73 keys!

We have 15 left to sell. "Please mark "Baby Grand (or designated #101) on your envelope and it will be added to your givings for tax purposes. *Thank You so much* for the response so far.



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.

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

We Strive to be a Scent free space

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 **today** after morning service. A light lunch will precede the meeting. We hope that you can join us for this important meeting in the life of the parish.

Lent is almost here! Check out the ways that St. Paul's is working to help you keep a mindful Lent.

Ash Wednesday, March 5th – there will be two services, 11:00 am said service (live-streamed); 7:00 pm service with choir.

Deanery Lenten Retreat Day. Your Spiritual Development Committee is hosting this on behalf of the deanery on Saturday, March 29th at Celebrations in Lindsay, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Lunch will be included, space is limited. Sign up via the Office.

Guest Speaker: Janet Marshall, Congregational Development

Topic: Discovering our Gifts for Growing Ministry

Wednesdays in Lent – Morning Prayer will be offered at 9:30 am beginning on March 19th. At least once during Lent we will use the BCP, the BAS and the Iona Worship Book. Morning Prayer will be followed by our Lenten Study. **A Diocesan Lenten study** resource will be available for you beginning on March 2nd. This is a daily resource that we will use for small group discussion, beginning on March 19th.



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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