



St Paul's Anglican Church

March 23, 2025
Lent 3

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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:

Processional Hymn # 384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Sentence

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. - *Matthew 4.17*

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.

Kyrie Eleison # 706 (sing 3 times)

Kyrie Eleison, Christie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of infinite goodness, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people. Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey, and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading – Isaiah 55:1-9

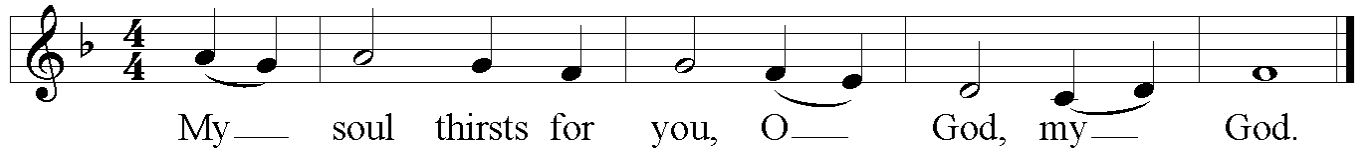
Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - 63:1-8



O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. **R**

For your loving kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name. **R**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches. **R**

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **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 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not

complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Holy Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

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.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn # 606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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

(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn # 555 O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving 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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation 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 Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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: 610 Before I Take the Body of My Lord

Eucharist 2: 522 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Anthem: As We Gather

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, 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 # 565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Postlude: (Feel free to sit and listen)

“Being still in the moment brings peace to the day” - Unknown

Next Week's Readings

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Announcements

Designated Giving #215 for March will benefit the **Kawartha Food Source**. Ask any food source volunteer and they will tell you we are enduring an unprecedented local hunger crisis. More than ever, our donations are needed to help fill an urgent need for fresh produce, milk and eggs, and to support the food source meal programs

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)

Please bring in auction items before Tues. April 1. Thanks

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

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.

Deadline is March 26.

Guest Speaker: Janet Marshall, Congregational Development
Topic: Discovering our Gifts for Growing Ministry

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

We Strive to be a Scent free space

Wednesdays in Lent – Through Lent, Morning Prayer will be offered Wed. at 9:30. 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 is available for you. This is a daily resource that we will use for small group discussion.



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.

Gift Cards All sold! Thank YOU!

Baby Grand Piano Well Done! If you haven’t donated to the piano fund yet, any extra money will go toward the purchase of the new bass strings. Thank you!



Tax Receipts: Please inform the office if you have not received your receipt.

The Grapevine is On-Line. Thank you, Diane!

Weekly 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 12:00 – 2:00	hall
Thurs.	Handbells	weekly 3:45 pm	upper
Thurs.	Choir Rehearsal sanctuary	weekly 7:00 pm	
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		hall

*English as a 2nd Language



St. Paul Events 2025

Lenten Retreat

March 29



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



Deanery Lenten Retreat

**When: Saturday, March 29th
9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Lunch is provided
including vegetarian options**

**Where: Celebrations,
35 Lindsay St. N
in Lindsay**

**Topic: Discovering our Gifts
for Growing Ministry**

**Facilitator: Janet Marshall
of Congregational Development**

Space is limited!

**Please register by March 26th
Through the Office at
St. Paul's Lindsay
office@st-pauls-lindsay.ca
Or (705) 324-4666**

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& North Territory*

Upcoming choral Concerts

(includes St Paul's members)

**TODAY! Kawartha Lakes Singers:
Grassroots: 70's & 80s Sunday Mar. 23 @
2:30 Cambridge St. United \$25**

**Lindsay Community Choir: Sea Songs
and Shanties Saturday April 26 @ 2:00 pm
St. Paul's Anglican \$20**

*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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Office Hours. Tuesday to Thursday 9 – 12.