



# St Paul's Anglican Church

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Easter 5

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Greg Physick

Music Director – Arlene Gray

10:00 am      **Holy Eucharist BAS**

**Prelude:** Holy, Holy, Holy & How Great Thou Art - handbells

**Processional Hymn** # 317 Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

## **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.**

## **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 Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

**People May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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 Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading – Acts 11:1-18**

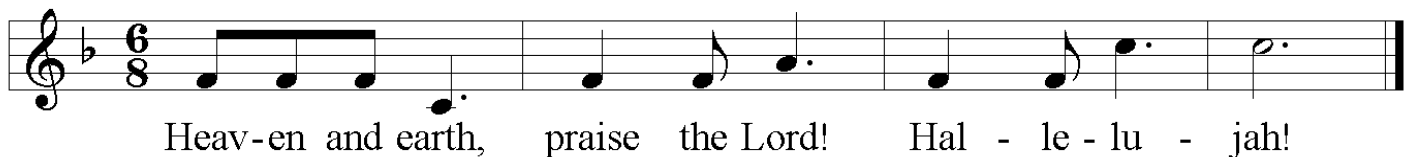
Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why

did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**Reader** The word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm – 148**



Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. **R**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him,  
heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. **R**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; **R**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; **R**

Young men and maidens, old and young together. Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven. **R**

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his · loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah! **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 – Revelation 21: 1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Reader            The word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn # MV 89 Love Is the Touch (Slane)**

**1. Love is the touch of intangible joy; love is the force that no fear can destroy; love is the goodness we gladly applaud: God is where love is for love is of God.**

**2. Love is the lilt in a lingering voice; love is the hope that can make us rejoice; love is the cure for the frightened and flawed: God is where love is for love is of God.**

### **Holy Gospel – John 13:31-35**

**Reader** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Reader** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Reader** The Gospel of Christ.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Gradual Hymn # MV 89 Love Is the Touch (Slane)**

**3. Love is the light in a tunnel of pain; love is the will to be whole once again; love is the trust of a friend on the road: God is where love is for love is of God.**

**4. Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son; love is the kingdom their will has begun; love is the path which the saints all have trod: God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**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**

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of glory!”

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

## **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 # 484 In Christ There Is No East or West**

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

**Celebrant** Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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, **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 Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

**All Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **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 by kneeling and crossing their arms over their chest.*

*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. Gluten free bread available upon request.*

## **Hymns during Communion**

**Eucharist 1:** # 73 One Bread, One Body

**Eucharist 2:** # 207 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**Anthem:** God Gives Us Love

## **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant        Let us pray.

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, 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** # 278 Jerusalem the Golden

## **Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude:** Peace Like a River – handbells

For those who desire it, ***Healing Prayer*** is available by the baptismal font after the postlude.

## **Next Week's Readings – Easter 6**

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

## Announcements

**DESIGNATED GIVING #215** for May will benefit the **MISSION TO SEAFARERS** at a Great Lakes port in our diocese. Here the men and women employed on cargo ships, sometimes after months at sea, will find spiritual refreshment and an opportunity to speak of their deepest concerns in a confidential, compassionate listening environment. Our donations this month will help keep the Mission alive.

**Grapevine:** Please send photos, group or event information and items to Diane Stecher by Sunday May 25 for the next issue.

[ds kayaker@gmail.com](mailto:ds kayaker@gmail.com)

**Food Cupboard** Please continue to support these families and our food cupboard through your generous donations of non-perishable food items. We thank God for the abundance of His love in our lives. May He bless us all. Thank you. Gail

**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!

The diocese invites everyone, especially those in the eastern regions of our diocese, to come together for the third **“Lift Up Our Hearts”** service at 2 pm on May 31st at **All Saints, Whitby**, as we focus on the Resurrection of our Lord and the work of the Holy Spirit in this world God loves. Come ready to join in vibrant worship of the Living God.

**Thank You** to All those who helped set up and work the yard sale and bake table last weekend. Many hands make light work. Thanks to those who helped clean up!

**Save the date:** It's almost Strawberry time again! This year our event will take place on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, with seatings in the main & upper halls. More information to come soon.

“Much like our lives, which start out as a blank canvas, we face trials and tribulations along the journey...Through these experiences, whether joyful or difficult, God adds color and texture along our paths to create a beautiful masterpiece.” - Anne Neilson



Back for its 10<sup>th</sup> year worldwide, and 4<sup>th</sup> year at St. Paul's, is "*Thy Kingdom Come*". Join with Christians around the world to pray for others to come to know Jesus. This intentional time of global prayer begins on Ascension (May 29<sup>th</sup>) until Pentecost (June 8<sup>th</sup>). ***Could you commit to pray for 5?*** Watch this space for more info. In the meantime, Dean Stephen Hance has an interesting write-up on "Thy Kingdom Come" on the diocesan website for you to

check out <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/thy-kingdom-come/>

## Season of Spiritual Renewal Upcoming Workshops

Below is a sampling of workshops being held this Spring. Please see the list posted in the Main Hall for all the available workshops.

Note: All workshops are held from 12 noon – 1:00 pm unless otherwise stated

May 7: **Reimagining Evangelism** - with Jason Persaud  
\*12:00-1:30pm

May 8: **Especially for Lectors: Offering a Beautiful Ministry of the Word** - with Judy Paulsen

May 14: **The Hybrid and the Holy** - with Cynthia Majewski, Elizabeth McCaffrey and Tim Ralph

May 21: **Connecting with Families in the neighborhood** - with Elizabeth Achimah

May 22: **Alpha Course Leaders Training** - with the Alpha Canada team \*12:00-1:30pm

June 12: **Praying our Song, Singing our Prayer** - panel discussion led by Tom Bell

All workshops are available through the Diocese website under "Diocesan Life" menu button or type in

[www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/](https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/)

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Worshipping with us  
Today.*



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