

St Paul's Anglican Church



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Holy Cross/Creation 2

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10:00 am **Holy Eucharist BAS**

Prelude: Jesus Bids Us Shine

Processional Hymn: # 602 Lift High the Cross

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

Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6.14

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, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption, have grace to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading – Numbers 21:4b-9

...but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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.

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn # 371 To God Be the Glory vs 3

Homily Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for

**the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

(Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer.")
O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 # 445 God the Creator

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 4

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 It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through

the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

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 Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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

Eucharist 2: # 505 Be Thou My Vision

Anthem: God So Loved the World - Stainer

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

Your favourite hymns: The response to sharing your favourite hymns for our hymn sing was overwhelming! So many hymns were shared, we need to include them in our services over the next several weeks. During that time, our inspirational quotes will come from our parishioner responses to why a hymn is their favourite. All responses will remain anonymous.

“Be Thou My Vision” – “always trust in the Lord. He will set your path right. Be still, listen to God and when my time is over, He will be waiting for me with open arms”; “Lift High the Cross” in memory of the Rev. Canon Rod Barlow & family, Witham family and Frank Baxter.

Announcements

Designated Givings for September will benefit the ***Kairos Jubilee Initiative***. Kairos is a Canadian multi-faith organization that advocates for justice, in all its forms, in the least-developed parts of the world. Based on scripture (Lev. 25), Kairos is promoting the **Jubilee Year of Debt Forgiveness** in places where debt is one more unsustainable burden. Our support shows that we care too.

Food Cupboard This year our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will benefit our "St. Paul's Pantry" which has seen an increasing demand throughout the year. More information to come.

Banns of Marriage from Rev. Bonnie: I publish the Banns of Marriage between Ashely Boteler of Lindsay, ON and Vaughn Miller of Lindsay, ON. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the *first* time of asking.

Any person knowing of a lawful reason why a marriage may not be solemnized should inform the officiating minister before the service.

Grapevine articles and photos: Please send articles, group updates, photos etc. to Diane Stecher by Monday Sept. 15th. Thanks so much. dskayaker@gmail.com

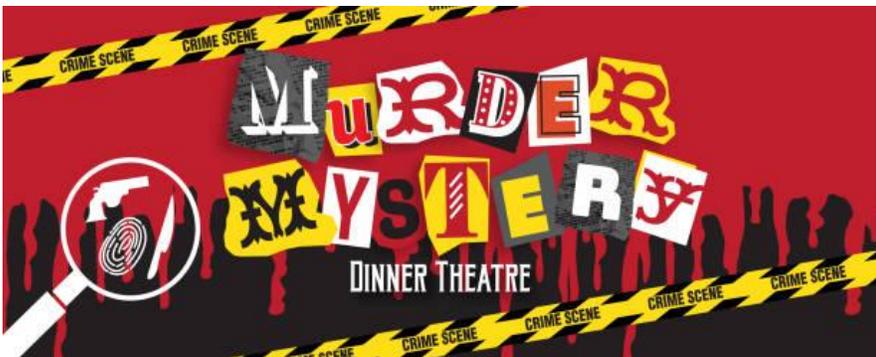
Refreshment Time helpers: The sign-up sheet is up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

Re changes to Library – please see notice from the Management Team in Main Hall regarding closing Library and distribution of books.

Sound and Live Stream We are still looking for people to take on a **once a month** role in worship as part of the sound/livestream team. Starting in January. The goal is to simplify this as much as possible for easy effective worship. Please contact Arlene in the office.

Call for photos for the 2027 Church Calendar. Showcase the beauty of Anglican life! Submit your photos of St. Paul's or other local churches. <https://www.anglican.ca/about/calendar/submit-photos/>. The deadline for photos for the 2027 calendar is **November 30, 2025**. Entries after the deadline will be considered for the following year. Questions? Email publications@national.anglican.ca.

Sanctuary Flowers This is a reminder about sanctuary flowers. The sign-up sheet and envelopes are in the hall on the St. Pauls bulletin board. Providing memorial flowers in the sanctuary is a lovely way to remember our loved ones. Please speak to Marg Brohm if you have any questions about flowers for Thanksgiving or any time.



Saturday October 25,
2025 @ 7:00 p.m.
(Doors open 6:30)
Reserved Seating - Call
705-324-6257
\$60 per person
Tickets available after
church or in the office.

Season of Spiritual Renewal

Short-term workshops We're delighted to offer the following workshops on Wednesdays at noon.

Especially for Lectors with Judy Paulsen, Oct. 1.

Hospitality and the Spiritual Life of a Church with Janet Marshall, Oct. 8.

Preaching Evangelistically (2 weeks) with Dr. John Bowen, Oct. 22 and 29.

A New and Ancient Evangelism with Judy Paulsen, Nov. 19.

You do need to register in advance to take part in these workshops.

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

Lift Up Our Hearts Gathering as a diocese to worship God.

St. James Orillia with Rev. Dr. Rob Hurkmans Sept 27 @ 2 p.m. "We rejoice in God's work of reconciliation and embrace our calling to be part of it."

Season of Creation 2025 "Peace with Creation"

Each year from **September 1 to October 4**, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is "Peace with Creation."



PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Thank you for
Worshipping with us Today.



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