



# St Paul's Anglican Church

**January 25, 2026**  
**Conversion of St Paul**

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– The Rev. Susan Tate

**Music Director** – Arlene Gray

10:00 am **Holy Eucharist BAS**

**Prelude** Sabbath Morn - Southbridge

**Processional Hymn** # 283 By All Your Saints Still Striving (v1, 2c, 3)

## **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**

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

*Acts 2.32*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

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, by the preaching of your servant Paul you caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world. May we who celebrate his wonderful conversion follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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 – Acts 26:9-23**

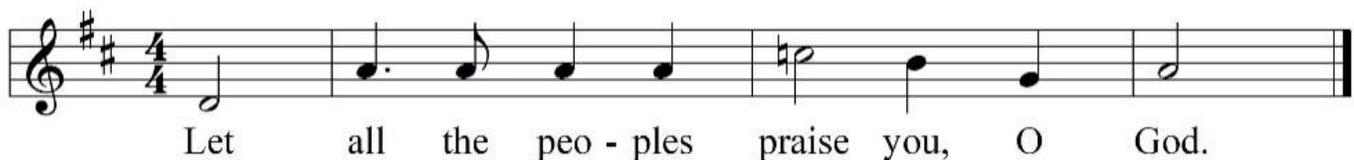
‘Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities. ‘With this in mind, I was travelling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter

than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads." I asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The Lord answered, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." 'After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: that the Messiah must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.'

Reader The word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 67**



May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity, and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of 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 – Galatians 1:11-24**

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.' And they glorified God because of me.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn # 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised vs 1, 2**

Reader The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

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

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

**Holy Gospel - Mathew 10:16-22**

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn # 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised vs 3, 4**

**Homily Rev. Canon Greg Physick**

### **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**

(Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, saying, “Lord, hear and have mercy.”)

For the Church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, and for all struggling to follow the way of Christ, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For Charles our King, for the Prime Minister of this country, and for all who govern the nations, that they may strive for justice and peace, let us ask the strength of God.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For scholars and research-workers, that their studies may benefit humanity, let us ask the light of the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, let us ask the peace of Christ.

**Lord, hear and 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 # 505 Be Thou My Vision**

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant Almighty God, as we celebrate this holy eucharist, may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his resurrection sent forth apostles to preach the gospel and to teach all nations, and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. Therefore with angels and archangels and all your holy people, 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 We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks

to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the 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." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, 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. Currently, 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: Open Our Eyes**

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

**Eucharist 2: # 610 Before I Take the Body of My Lord**

**Anthem:** Bread of the World - Klusmeier

## **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant      Let us pray.

Celebrant      Gracious God, you filled your apostle Paul with love for all the churches. May the sacrament we have received foster love and unity among your people. This we ask 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 #503 Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might**

## Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name



## Flowers this morning

are to the Glory of God and in memory of my mother Anne - from Rev. Bonnie

## Next Week's Readings

Micah 6:1-8                      Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31      Matthew 5:1-12

## Announcements

The Designated Giving for January #215 will benefit the **Alzheimer's Society of Kawartha Lakes**. Almost all of us know of someone – perhaps a person very dear to us – who has been diagnosed with dementia. Imagine if we could prolong whatever is now positive in their life. This is how the Alzheimer society helps: with specially designated programs and very practical guidance for friends and family. Our donations help strengthen this service.

**Greeters Needed** We ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering for this important ministry in our parish. Looking for 2-3 more people. Please talk to John Sale.

Our annual **Vestry meeting** will be held on **Feb. 22, 2026**. Following our morning service, a coffee time and light lunch will be served (30 min) then we will begin our meeting. Hope to see you there!

**Vestry Reports** are due into the office by **Feb. 1, 2026**, so that the Vestry package can be made available to you by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Justice Vestry motion 2026** is now available to review and can be found at [Social Justice Vestry Motion - The Diocese of Toronto](#) or by picking up a printed copy in the Main Hall. The diocesan Social Justice & Advocacy Committee is working on additional resources to help parishes in considering the motion, which will be made available in coming weeks.



**Pantry Call** We need canned meat, pasta noodles and soup for the pantry. Other foodstuffs gratefully received as well. Thanks!

## Save the Dates

**Shrove Tuesday** Pancake Dinner – February 17.

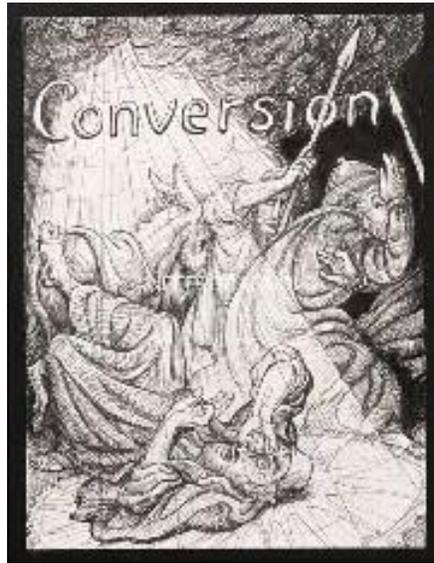
2 Sittings 12:00 - 1:30 & 5:00 - 6:30. Volunteer Sign-up sheets in the hall.

Tickets are \$15 adults & \$5 Children

**Ash Wednesday** – February 18, 7:00 pm

**World Day of Prayer** - Friday March 6, 2:00 pm at St. Paul's

A reminder to wear  
**nametags** to help others  
know who you are.  
**We Strive to be a Scent  
free space**



*Thank you for Worshipping with us Today.*

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