



# St Paul's Anglican Church

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Lent 1

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**Incumbent** – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt  
**Honorary Assistants** – The Rev. Canon Greg Physick  
– The Rev. Susan Tate  
**Music Director** – Arlene Gray

10:00 am **Holy Eucharist BAS**

**Prelude** A Morning Prayer - Moore

**Processional Hymn** # 9 Today I Awake

## **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.**

## **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 Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People His mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

### **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 God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**People Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; 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

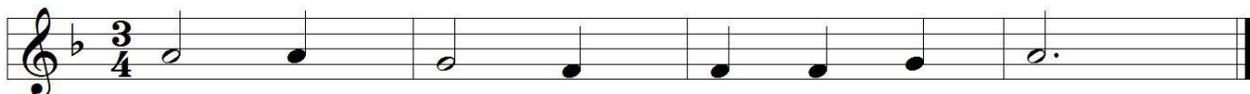
### First Reading – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 32



Lord, for - give the wrong I have done.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! **R**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **R**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding, who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." **R**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **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 – Romans 5:12-19**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader    The word of the Lord.

**People    Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn** Jesus, Tempted in the Desert (v. 1,2)

1. Jesus, tempted in the desert,  
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:  
“Use your power,” the tempter tells him;  
“turn these barren rocks to bread!”  
“Not alone by bread,” he answers,  
“can the human heart be filled.  
Only by the Word that calls us  
is our deepest hunger stilled!”

2. Jesus, temped at the temple,  
high above its ancient wall:  
“Throw yourself from lofty turret;  
angels wait to break your fall!”  
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,  
feats that fickle crowds request:  
“God, whose grace protects, preserves us,  
we must never vainly test.”

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 - Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' ” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn** Jesus, Tempted in the Desert (v.3, 4)

3. Jesus, temped on the mountain  
by the lure of vast domain:

“Fall before me! Be my servant!  
Glory, fame, you’re sure to gain!”

Jesus sees the dazzling vision,  
turns his eyes another way:

“God, alone deserves our homage!  
God alone will I obey!”

4. When we face temptation’s power,  
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,  
Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour,  
come and be our living bread.

By your grace, protect, preserve us  
lest we fall, your trust betray.

Yours, above all other voices,  
be the Word we hear, obey.

**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**

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying “God of justice, hear our prayer.”

Intercessor For the Church of Christ in every place, for our bishops, priests, and deacons, that our fasting may be faithful, our prayer sincere, and our worship expressed in lives of mercy, generosity, and truth. God of justice,

**All Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the nations of the world and those in authority, that the bonds of injustice may be broken, the voices of the poor heard, and policies shaped by compassion, peace, and the common good. God of justice,

**All Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all who hunger or thirst, for food, dignity, safety, or hope, and for those who are oppressed, excluded, or forgotten, that they may find relief, and restoration. God of justice,

**All Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For this community and all whom we serve, that our almsgiving may be generous, our prayer humble, and our lives a sign of your healing love in the world. God of justice,

**All Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the sick, the weary, and the grieving, for those burdened by anxiety or loss, and for all who long for light in times of darkness, that your presence may renew and strengthen them. God of justice,

**All Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who have died, and for all the faithful departed, that they may rest in your peace and rise in the fullness of your promise. God of justice,

**All Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of justice, receive these prayers we offer, and shape us by your Spirit to live the fast you choose, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

## **Offertory Hymn # 179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (v.1 - 5)**

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

Celebrant God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. **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, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. 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, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, 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 this bread,

**All Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
**All** **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

### **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: # 170 The Glory of These Forty Days**

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

**Anthem:** Bread of the World

### **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. **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**

Celebrant May Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you today and every day. **Amen**

## Announcements

**Recessional Hymn** # 526 God Is Our Fortress and Our Rock

### Dismissal

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God. Amen.** *(no "Alleluias!" in Lent)*

**Postlude:** In the Shadow of the Cross - Glyncannon

"The cross is easier to him who takes it up than to him who drags it along" - Anonymous

### Next Week's Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

## Announcements

**The Designated Giving for February # 215** will benefit

**WAR CHILD**, the organization that rescues the world's most vulnerable wherever deadly conflicts have left them orphaned. In the safety of nearby war-free countries, War Child helps them catch up on years of lost education through its Accelerated Learning Programs. It's thanks to donors like us that these children have hope for a future they could once only dream of.

**Caring for others in emergencies** John Sale invites you to register to learn to use the 'Defibrillator' and the 'Naloxone kit'. When we have gathered names, we will invite the local ambulance service to provide the necessary training at a convenient time for all.

Our annual **Vestry meeting** will be held **today Feb. 22, 2026**. Following our morning service, a coffee time and light lunch will be served (30 min) then we will begin our meeting

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

**Dramatic readers** – We are looking for people who would be interested in taking on a role in our dramatic reading of the Passion of Christ for Palm/Passion Sunday (March 29<sup>th</sup>). Whether you've done this before or are

new to this experience, please speak to Rev. Bonnie or Arlene to express your interest.

**Grapevine:** Deadline is March 5<sup>th</sup>. As always Thankyou for your articles, poems pictures, etc.

**Thank You!** to Paul C and to all Pancake supper helpers.

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

## Save the Dates

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



**Lenten Study/Worship** – Thank you to Rev. Susan for ordering a special “Lenten Journey” chart for the parish. These are available to pick up in the hall. One per household please. Our Lenten study will be based on the video and book *The Final Days* by Matt Rawle and will also include the daily readings/activities of our “Lenten Journey” chart. A Morning Prayer service held each Wednesday in Lent, beginning February 25<sup>th</sup> – worship at 9:30 am in Chancel followed by our study 10 am in Library. All are welcome!



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Worshipping with us Today.



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