

# St Paul's Anglican Church

March 1, 2026  
Lent 2



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**Incumbent** – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

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– The Rev. Susan Tate

**Music Director** – Arlene Gray

10:00 am      **Holy Eucharist BCP**

*A Form in the Language of the Book of Common Prayer 1962*

## **Service Order**

**Prelude** Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain – Lani Smith

**Processional Hymn** # 3 Morning Has Broken

## **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**

The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.  
- *John 3.14–15*

### **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 with thy spirit.**

Celebrant        Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Decalogue (Celebrant People)**

Celebrant        God spake these words and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**People        Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honour thy father and thy mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**Kyrie Eleison # 706** (sung 3 times by the choir)

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant      Let us pray.

**All            God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, so that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading – Genesis 12:1-4a**

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Reader    The word of the Lord.

**People    Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 121**



My help comes from the mak - er of heav'n and earth.

<sup>1</sup> A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; **R**

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. **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 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn # 524 O Christ, the Great Foundation v. 1,2**

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.**

### **Holy Gospel - John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 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 # 524** O Christ, the Great Foundation v. 3,4

**Homily** Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

### **The Nicene Creed**

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and the world. Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests, and deacons, (and specially to thy servant N our bishop), that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy

the blessings of freedom and peace: and grant to thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, (especially those for whom our prayers are desired).

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant      Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*Matthew 1.28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2.1,2*

Leader      Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

*Silence is kept.*

**All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn # 456 He Comes to Us as One Unknown**

### **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.**<sup>2</sup>

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

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<sup>2</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

Who hast bidden us thy faithful people to cleanse our 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 works of love. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and singing:

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

**All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto

thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**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**

**All                We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

### **The Communion**

Celebrant        The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.**

*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:** # 568 Nada te turbe

**Eucharist 2:** # 532 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**Anthem:** Love is of God – Ed Harris

## **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our 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**

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** # 602 Lift High the Cross

## **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:** Awake thou Wintry Earth – Tom Birchwood  
(no applause during Lent please)

Anxiety weighs down the heart,  
but a kind word cheers it up. -  
Proverbs 12:25

## Next Week's Readings

Exodus 17:1-7      Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11      John 4:5-42

## Announcements

**The Designated Giving for March # 215** will benefit **THE ANGLICAN COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**. Fully Anglican, fully independent and incorporating Indigenous spiritual identity, the Council represents a new partnership with the Canadian and world-wide Anglican community. Our donations will support clergy needs and speak clearly of our desire for mutual respect and healing.

**Outreach Meeting:** will be after the service this morning.

**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.

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

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

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

***Rev. Bonnie and the Wardens offer our deep gratitude to all who have served the parish in the past year and to those who have offered to serve in 2026.***

## Save the Dates

**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!

# World Day of Prayer 2026

Please join us for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience through the life events of Christians from other countries and cultures, and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The 2026 service was written by the Nigerian World Day of Prayer committee.



Artist: Gift Amarachi Ottah

Date: Friday March 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Place: St. Paul's Anglican Church 45 Russell St. W. Lindsay

### Weekly Room Schedule:

Mon	Community Care	weekly	11:00 – 12:00	upper
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.	Community Care	weekly	11:00 – 2:00	upper
Thurs.	Handbells	weekly	3:45 pm	upper
Thurs.	Choir Rehearsal	weekly	7:00 pm	sanctuary
Fri.	QV Snack Packers	weekly	9:30 am	kitchen
Tues. - Fri.	Tai Chi	weekly	9:00 – 11:30	upper
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri.	Kawartha Food Source		9:00 – 11:30	kitchen
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues.	Horticultural Society		7:00 – 9:00	hall

\*English as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Language

Adelaide Place Worship Service last Tuesday of the Month @ 10:30

*Thank you for  
Worshipping with us Today.*

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