



St Paul's Anglican Church

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Lent 3

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10:00 am **Holy Eucharist BAS**

Prelude Lyric Piece – Susanna Keeney

Processional Hymn # This is the Day

- 1, 4 This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
- 2 Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,

we will go in to your holy place.

Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

- 3 You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

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 Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through 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 – Exodus 17:1-7

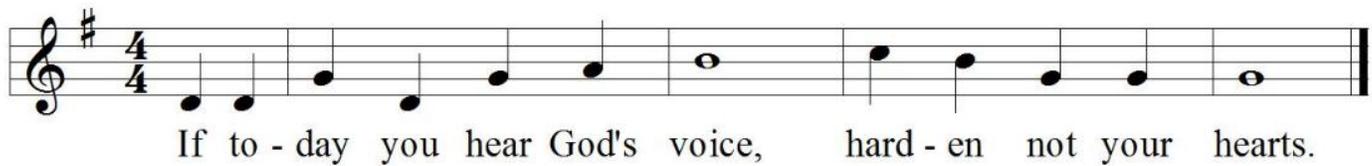
From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so

that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. **R**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. **R**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. **R**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice! **R**

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me. They put me to the test, though they had seen my works. **R**

Forty years long I grieved that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways." So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest." **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 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (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 - John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn # 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (vs 3)

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 # 615 Just as I Am

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Spring of life and Source of goodness, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to the living water, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 5

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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

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

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great

family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

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 you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

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 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: # 70 Jesus the Joy of Loving Hearts

Eucharist 2: # 63 Eat This Bread, Drink this Cup

Anthem: "Fill My Cup Lord" - Blanchard

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant God of our pilgrimage, we have found the living water.
Refresh and sustain us as we go forth on our journey, 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

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 # 388 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

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: Hear Me, O Lord – Theodore Dubois

Next Week's Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow
strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.
Helen Howarth Lemmel

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.

Anyone wishing to donate for **Memorial Flowers** for Easter Please have your request into the Office by Tuesday March 31/2026.

Dramatic Reading Rehearsal: Next Sunday March 15 will be a rehearsal for the dramatic reading of the Passion. We will gather in front of the altar after the service.

Thank you! to Lorna Green and the World Day of Prayer planning committee for their work planning the annual service. St. Paul's was delighted to be able to host this year.

Lenten Study & Morning Prayer for March 18 is cancelled. We will resume on the 25th.



Spring Thaw - delicious Dinner, Loonie and Silent Auction Save the Date and Save your Loonies

Saturday, April 25, 2026; Tickets: \$40
For further information, please call
Linda Todd at 705-324-7439

Kawartha Lakes Singers present **Disney** music Sunday March 8 (today) 2:30 at Cambridge Street United Church. Adults \$25 and Children are Free. Tickets available at the door.

Thank you for Worshipping with us Today.



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



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