



# St Paul's Anglican Church

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Easter 2

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**Music Director** – Arlene Gray

10:00 am **Holy Eucharist BAS**

**Prelude** Because He Lives

**Processional Hymn** # 205 The Day of Resurrection

## **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**

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. *John 20.29*

## **The Gathering of the Community (All Stand)**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

**People May he fill our hearts with joy**

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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading – Exodus 15:1-11**

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right

hand, O Lord, glorious in power - your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty, you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, 'I will pursue; I will overtake; I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

Reader           The word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm – 111**



The fear of the Lord is the be - gin-ning of wis-dom.

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them. **R**

His work is full of majesty and splendour, and his righteousness endures for ever. He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. **R**

He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations. **R**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity. **R**

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his Name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever. **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 – 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader           The word of the Lord.

**People           Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn # 244 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight 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 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and

see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader            The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn # 244 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight 3,4**

**Homily**            The 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**

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of glory!”)

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory! 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 Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn # 237 Now the Green Blade Rises**

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

Celebrant God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 2**

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, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation 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 Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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 Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

**All Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

### **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: # 51 Now My Tongue the Mystery Telling**

**Eucharist 2: # 82 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**

**Anthem:** My Lord and My God

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Celebrant**            Let us pray.

**Celebrant**            Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other, through Jesus Christ the risen 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 # 330 Praise Ye the Lord**

## **Dismissal**

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

**All:**                    **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

## Next Week's Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Ps. 116;1-3, 10-17  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

In the bonds of Death He lay  
Who for our offense was slain;  
But the Lord is risen to-day.  
Christ hath brought us life again,  
Wherefore let us all rejoice,  
Singing loud, with cheerful voice,  
Hallelujah!

## Announcements

**The Designated Giving for April # 215** for April will benefit **FAITHWORKS**, a program of our diocese that lets us express our Christian kindness and compassion for the most vulnerable in our midst.

**April is FaithWorks month at St. Paul's.** This month we celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, we welcome guest speaker Peter Mentis who will help us understand how much our support means to those who would otherwise remain on the margins of society.

**KL Paramedic Service** will visit St. Paul's *tomorrow*, Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, to provide training in the use of naloxone, in case of overdose, and the defibrillator. Please meet in the Main Hall. Several people have already expressed an interest in receiving such training which is great. However, even if you didn't express an interest earlier, you are most welcome to join us tomorrow morning.

### **Forward Day by Day/Our Daily Bread/The Anglican Journal**

New editions of daily devotionals and the Anglican newspaper are available now in the Main Hall. Don't forget to pick up your copy while they are available.

**Special Musical Guests:** UnBELLievable handbell group will be joining us next week as well as Ruth on the violin. We will make a Joyful Noise to the Lord.

**Shirley Williams Memorial:** In memory of Shirley, we will share remembrances during a special refreshment time on April 19. If you have any pictures or objects that you would like to bring for a memory table, please bring them in that morning.

**Refreshment Time Helpers:** The sign-up sheet is looking rather thin for spring. Please consider signing up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

**Pantry Call** We need all sorts including canned meat, pasta noodles and soup for the pantry. All foodstuffs gratefully received. Thanks!

## ***Spring Thaw Dinner Loonie and Silent Auction***

**When:** Saturday April 25, doors open 5:30, dinner at 6:30pm

**Donations** gratefully accepted on or before **April 19**. Baked goods, gift cards or certificates, preserves, wine, knitted goods, etc. are welcome. Please phone Linda Todd (705-324-7439), Barb Truax or the office with donations. *Please indicate 'Spring Thaw' and your name on item.* If bring baked goods, please advise Linda or the office the nature of your item on or before April 19.

**Help Needed** - setting up tables Thursday April 23 at 9:30am and cleaning up after the function

**Tickets on Sale:** \$40 (cash, cheque, square) every Sunday and during church office hours (Tues-Thurs 9-12)

### **Weekly Room Schedule:**

Mon	Community Care	weekly	11:00 – 2:00	upper
Tues	Community Care	weekly	11:45 – 12:45	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	11:45 – 1:30	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	9:30 – 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

## Upcoming choral Concerts

(includes St Paul's members)

Lindsay Community Choir: *Feelin' Groovey*

Saturday April 25 @ 2:00 Cambridge Street United

\$20 Adult, \$10 children

Kawartha Lakes Singers: *Classical and Canada Strong* featuring  
Brahms Hungarian Dances - piano duets

Sunday May 24 @ 2:30 Cambridge Street United

\$25 Adult, \$10 children

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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**Office Hours.**  
Tuesday -Thursday  
9 – 12.