



# St Paul's Anglican Church

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Easter 5

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– The Rev. Susan Tate

**Music Director** – Arlene Gray

10:00 am **BCP from BAS**

**Prelude** Springtime Reverie - Callender

**Processional Hymn** 220 Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen

## **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**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

*John 14.6*

## **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, 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.

## **Gloria in Excelsis** (sung)

**All: Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, 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 7:55-60**

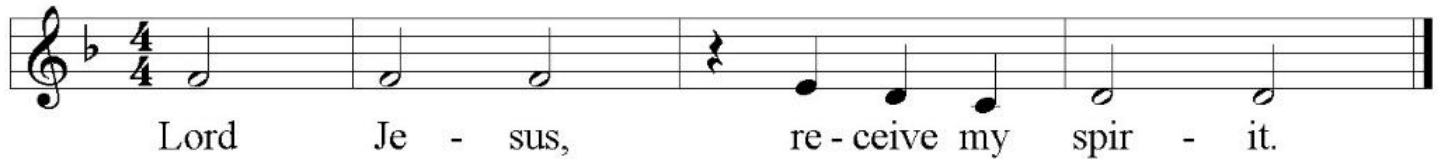
But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they

were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader           The word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm – 31:1-5, 15-16**



In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. **R**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me. **R**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. **R**

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me. **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 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy

nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds 1-3

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 14:1-14**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Gradual Hymn** 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds 4-5

**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 her, 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** 475 Not Far Beyond the Sea

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

Celebrant Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **men.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. 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**

**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 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:** 569 Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

**Eucharist 2:** 60 I Come with Joy

**Anthem:** The Keeper of Your Soul – Lyall/King

## **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant        Let us pray.

Celebrant        God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, 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**

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love, this day and every day. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn** 371 To God Be the Glory

## **Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude:** According to Thy Gracious Word - Martin

The more you practice the art of thankfulness,  
the more you have to be thankful for.  
*Norman Vincent Peale*

### Next Week's Readings

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:7-18  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

## Announcements

**The Designated Giving for May # 215** will benefit Our **FOSTER CHILDREN** in Latin America where they enjoy the protection of S.O.S. Children's Villages and the Arms of Jesus Mission. We at St. Paul's are their sole sponsor. It is only through our donations that these children are comfortably housed, well nourished, much loved and educated for a successful future.

**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!

**Grapevine:** Due date May 4<sup>th</sup> so start sending things to Diane Stecher. Thanks

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration for Rev. Bonnie at coffee hour on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day. Come and celebrate!

**Advisory Board** meeting May 19 @ 1:30



**Thy Kingdom Come:** who will you pray for this year?

Please join us in observing the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost, dedicated as a special time to pray for others to come to know Jesus or to come back to church, now known as TKC or Thy Kingdom Come. In this time of epidemic levels of loneliness, our prayers for others are needed greatly. Pick up a prayer card, sign up for a prayer journal or Novena, or look for the special section in May's

Grapevine to assist you with praying for "thy kingdom come". May God richly bless you and those you pray for through your prayers!

**TKC Prayer Journals and Novenas** are available. This year's Novena is written by our new Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally. Please sign up for one by May 7<sup>th</sup> and it will be ready to pick up on May 10<sup>th</sup>. After that time, please speak with Rev. Bonnie or Arlene and we will print one for you.



**A GREAT BIG  
! Thank You !**

to all who helped and/ or supported  
the Spring Thaw.  
A fun time was had by all and the food  
was delicious.

A reminder to wear **nametags**  
**Help others know who you are.**  
New holders available  
**We Strive to be a Scent free space**

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

**Upcoming choral Concerts (includes St Paul's members)**

**Kawartha Lakes Singers:** *Classical and Canada Strong* featuring  
Brahms Hungarian Dances - piano duets  
Sunday May 24 @ 2:30 Cambridge Street United Church  
\$25 Adult, \$10 children

Thank you for  
Worshipping with us Today.



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