

St Paul's Anglican Church

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Ascension



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10:00 am **Holy Eucharist BAS**

Service Order

Prelude Crown Him with Many Crowns – organ & violin

Processional Hymn 218 Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice

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

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.
Matthew 28.19, 20

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 God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, 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 – Acts 1:1-11

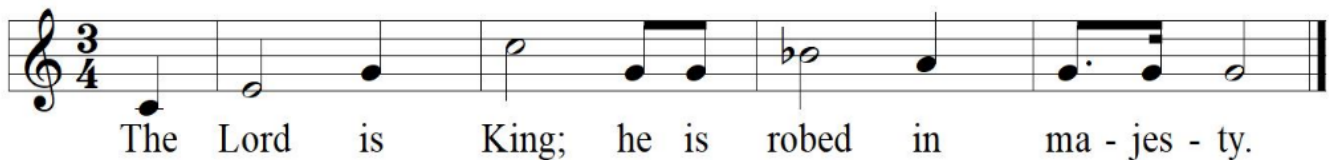
In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they

asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – 93



The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. **R**

He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved; Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. **R**

The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. **R**

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. **R**

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and 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 – Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may

perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 247 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise vs 1-3

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel – Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn 247 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise vs 4-6

Homily 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 Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore, we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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 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: 52 O God Unseen Yet Ever Near

Eucharist 2: 84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

Anthem: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High – Rick Founds

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; 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 – 246 Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing and Two Celtic Hymns
Medley - Piano & Violin

Memorial Flowers

*To the Glory of God
in memory of Lottie O'Brien
from Sharon Worsley*

At His Ascension our Lord entered
Heaven, and He keeps the door
open for humanity to enter. –
Oswald Chambers

Thank You again to guest violin Ruth Fallding

Next Week's Readings

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37
1 Corinthians 12:3b - 13 John 20:19-23

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.

Special Vestry There will be a meeting of vestry on May 31st to vote on the expenditure of moneys for church repairs to the steeple and brickwork.

Refreshment Time Helpers: 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!

Homilies Have you ever wanted to remember something you heard during the homily and wanted to write it down but can't quite recall what it was? Well, now you can get a print version of Rev. Bonnie's homilies. They will be available weekly in the rack near your mailboxes.

Advisory Board meeting May 19 @ 1:30

Screening sessions postponed to the fall

Thy Kingdom Come - Happening now! There is a 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 speak with Rev. Bonnie or Arlene and we will print one for you.

Stick-on Name Tags are available to anyone wishing to use them. They are located on the Welcome table by the Russell St. entrance and the table by the Main Hall entrance.

Thank You! For the lovely reception, cake and planter for my 5th Anniversary celebration. Love, Rev. Bonnie.

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**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 24TH**
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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

Tickets are available now
Adult \$20 and Children \$10
Available at the church office Mon - Thurs. from 9 - 12
Also Sunday mornings for the congregation.

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



*Thank you for
Worshipping with us Today.*



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