



St Paul's Anglican Church

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Pentecost 16/Creation 2

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10:00 am **BAS Holy Eucharist**

Prelude “Welcome Happy Morning” - John Scriveyner

Processional Hymn Part of the Family (VU 395)

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

- 1 You know the reason why you came,
 yet no reason can explain;
 so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
 for we are a part of the family. R
- 2 God is with us in this place,
 like a mother's warm embrace.
 We're all forgiven by God's grace,
 for we are a part of the family. R
- 3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;

we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. R

- 4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. R

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

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

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 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, you call your Church to witness that
in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the
good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for 190th Anniversary

Celebrant: O Gracious God of blessing, we give you thanks and
praise for our beloved parish, St. Paul's. We especially give thanks
for 190 years of ministry, faithfully serving our neighbours and
upholding each other as a community of believers. We ask you now
to grant us many more years of ministry, worship and fellowship in
this place. Send your Holy Spirit to guide and direct us, renewing
our faith and helping us to proclaim the Good News of your Son, our
Saviour, Jesus Christ, in both our words and our actions. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading – Genesis 50:15-21

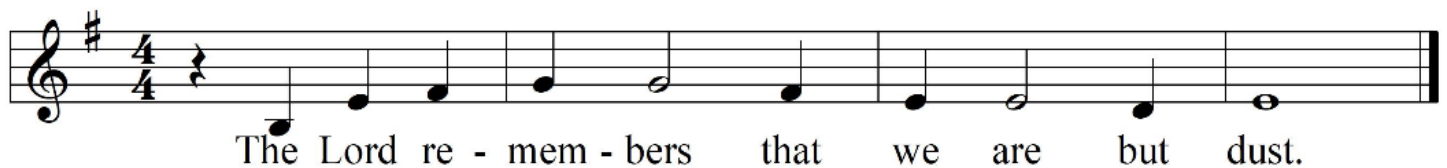
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if
Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all

the wrong that we did to him?’ So they approached Joseph, saying, ‘Your father gave this instruction before he died, “Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.” Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.’ Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, ‘We are here as your slaves.’ But Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.’ In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms – 103:8-13



The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever. **R**

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. **R**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him. **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 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

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 – Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn #487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

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 5

(Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this country, and especially for King Charles, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

Lord, hear our prayer. 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 #330 O Praise Ye the Lord

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 4

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 It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever. (sung)

Celebrant At your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant But we turn against you and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again, you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages, you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our

iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the

earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

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 Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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 indicated by crossing your arms on your chest. 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: #462 The Hidden Stream

Eucharist 2: #614 Forgive our Sins as We Forgive

Anthem: When at This Table (Sing 32)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this 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 God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen. © The Archbishops' Council 2000

Announcements

Recessional Hymn Let All Things Now Living (VU 242)

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
 to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
 who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
 by guiding us on to the end of our days.
 God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,

a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

- 2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: "Cleansing Fountain" – arr. Sarah Douglas

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because
God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." - C. S. Lewis

Next Week's Readings

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Announcements

BBQ Lunch Following the service today, come to the hall and enjoy
a **welcome back** BBQ lunch.

Season of Creation 2026 – The focus of this year is "Living Water",
about water flowing from the temple of God out to Creation. with
supporting Scripture being Ezekiel 47: 9, 12

*"Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be
very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will*

live where the river goes. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

The Spiritual Development team has a special activity planned for you! Please join us through the month of September in responding to the misuse of water in our society by collecting discarded water bottles that you find around town. We will display them by our font as we consider how we can better respond to caring for the precious gift of water.

Designated Giving # 215 for September will benefit the **KAWARTHA FOOD SOURCE**. The local hunger crisis grows worse. And so, with giving hearts and Christian love, we respond. Our donations help fill the need for fresh produce, milk and eggs, and contribute to the school meal programs.

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 non-perishable foodstuffs*** gratefully received.

Fall Schedule of Events: Please watch for information regarding guest preachers and the Tower of Tins too!

October 24 – Murder Mystery Dinner

November 15 – Kawartha Lakes Singers “Echoes of the Past”

November 21 – Christmas Tea & Concert

November 22 – 190th Anniversary Service & lunch

December 12 – Breakfast with Santa

December 20 – Lessons & Carols (4:00 pm)

December 25 – Christmas Day dinner

*Thank you for
Worshipping with
us Today.*

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