

St Paul's Anglican Church

November 15, 2026
Pentecost 25

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10:00 am **Holy Eucharist (BAS)**

Prelude To Walk in Faith - Paxton

Processional Hymn 318 Rejoice Today with One Accord

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 vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. *John 15.5*

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 sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive 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.**

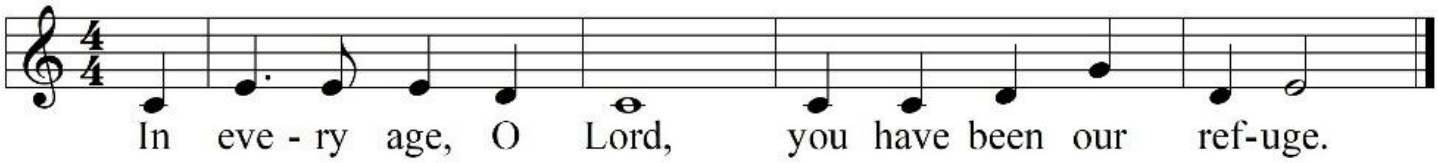
The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand! The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, “The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.” Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm - 90:1-8, 12



Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. **R**

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**

For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation. Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **R**

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **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 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 435 Take My Life and Let It Be

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 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two,

to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

Gradual Hymn 435 Take My Life and Let It Be

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

(As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy. 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 352 Amazing Grace

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving – Supplemental 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 Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose victorious rising from the dead has given to us the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, 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 Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

People Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore, we proclaim our hope.

People **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked with suffering, our sisters and our brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, 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 "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

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.

At this time, 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: 399 Now Thank We All Our God
Eucharist 2: 73 One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

Anthem: In Time of Holy Communion - Butler

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever.
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 560 God, Whose Almighty Word

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude: A Mighty Fortress is Our God - Chesterton

Prayer and anointing are being offered by
the font after the service

*Flowers this morning are to the glory of God and in memory of **Ross Smyth** from Pat and Family*



For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favour lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.
– Psalm 30:5

Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46

Announcements

Designated Giving # 215 for November will benefit **FINCA**, a program of repayable loans to women in developing countries. A woman might buy a used sewing machine to make clothing to sell or a refrigerator to keep the food she sells fresh and safe. What's more, we'll help her afford education for her children and medical care for her family.

We are looking for **Refreshment Time Helpers:** Please consider signing up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

Calendars – Still a few calendars are available from the Parish Office for $10. Get one while they're available.

Lost and Found items are to be put and retrieved from the box under the nametag table.

Devotionals & Newspapers are available at the tables by the Main Hall door and Russell Street doors. All are welcome to pick up a current copy of "Forward Day by Day", "Our Daily Bread" or "The Anglican Journal" as long as they last.

King Albert School The school has requested any donations of the following items for the students this winter from St. Paul's. **Toques, Boots, Socks, Snow Pants.** They are in need of most sizes from children's size 7- larger sizes 2-3 and even adult as they have students up to grade 8. These items can be placed in the labelled bin near the back door of the parish hall.

Christmas Tea & Concert - Tickets are now on sale and available during refreshment time and from the Office. Please note, one price $25 for tea and concert for advanced sales, or for the concert only at the door. **Tea at**

2:00 and Concert at 3:00. Please change your ticket time if incorrect. Thanks

Echoes of the Past: This afternoon! Concert tickets are available from Arlene at the table after Church. $25. Or at the door. Sorry, no credit cards accepted. Bring nonperishables.

2027 Envelopes The 2027 envelopes can be picked up at the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order.

The Annual Hospice Memorial Service is Tuesday, Nov. 17. 7:00-8:00 Held at Celebrations and it is a special time to remember loved ones who have died. A quiet and safe time to come together. Feel free to speak with Mary Lou Tompkins or Canon Greg (volunteers at Hospice).

Advent Study: This year we will gather Monday mornings beginning Nov 30th. Morning prayer at 9:30 and the study at 10:00. We'll meet in the sanctuary. Our study will be based on the book *Dog in the Manger* from Forward Movement. A limited number have been ordered and cost $15. To reserve your copy please contact the office. Below is more information regarding the book.

With laugh-out-loud humor anchored by spiritual truths, author Tim Schenck maintains our spiritual sanity through the often-frenetic chaos of Advent and Christmas. Illustrated by popular cartoonist Jay Sidebotham, *Dog in the Manger* also explores the major characters of the season in new ways, including John the Baptist, Mary, Joseph and of course, Jesus. Thoughtful questions following each section make Dog in the Manger ideal for personal or group use.

Fall Schedule of Events



November 15	– "Echoes of the Past" 2:30 pm
November 21	– Christmas Tea 2:00 pm & Concert 3:00 pm
November 22	– 190th Anniversary Service & lunch
December 12	– Breakfast with Santa
December 20	– Lessons & Carols 4:00 pm
December 24	– Christmas Eve service 7:00 pm
December 25	– Christmas Day, Holy Eucharist, 3:00 pm & Dinner 4:00

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9 – 12