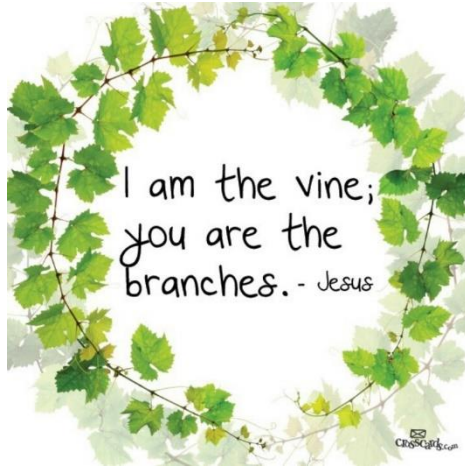


# Welcome to St. Paul's!



## The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter      April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024

We acknowledge that we gather this day on  
the traditional territory of the  
Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee,  
and Huron Wendat peoples.



**May we always dwell on this land with respect and in peace.**

### Holy Communion at 8:30am

*Book of Common Prayer BCP* (small, burgundy red book)

Presiding      The Rev. Lynn Mitchell

Lay Reader      Julie Case

### Sung Holy Eucharist at 10:00am

*Book of Alternative Services BAS* (green book)

*Common Praise CP* (large blue hymnal)

*Sing a New Creation SNC* (small blue hymnal)

Presiding & Preaching      The Rev. Lynn Mitchell

Honorary Assistant      The Rev. Ted Guthrie

Lay Reader      Alex Joseph

Music Director      Malcolm Gillis

# The Collect of the Day & The Scripture Readings for the Day

## The Collect of the Day

O God,

you give us the Son as the vine,  
apart from whom we cannot live.  
Nourish our life in his resurrection,  
so that we bear the fruit of love  
and know the fullness of your joy;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading      Acts 8: 26 – 40

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup> He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** 22: 24 - 30

<sup>24</sup> For God does not despise or abhor the poor in their poverty; neither turns away from them;

**\*when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.**

<sup>25</sup> My praise is of God in the great assembly;

**\*I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:

**\*"May your hearts live for ever!"**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

**\*and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.**

<sup>28</sup> For sovereignty belongs to the Lord,

**\*who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup> To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

**\*all who go down to the dust fall before God.**

<sup>30</sup> My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God;

**\*they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**      1 John 4: 7 - 21

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

@ 8:30am

John 15: 1- 8

@10:00am

The Lord be with you.

**And with Thy Spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written  
in the Gospel according  
to St. John.....

**Glory be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel according  
to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of Christ

@ 8:30am

@ 10:00am

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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

## Our Worship this Day

**Holy Communion at 8:30am**

*Beginning on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer*

## Holy Eucharist at 10:00am The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn CP#485 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

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

May his grace and peace be with you.

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

### The Gloria

Glory be to God in heaven,

Peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth.

We exalt you, we adore you,

we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you,

here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever,

Lamb of God, and Lord of love;

Son of God, and gracious Saviour,

you have come from heav'n above.

On the cross you died to save us;

now you live at God's right hand.

Hear our prayer, restore, forgive us;

in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you,

Lord alone, to you we call.

Holy One in faith we name you; God most high, yet near to all.

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,

in the Father's splendour bright.

For the peace that we inherit,

glory be to God on high.

## The Proclamation of the Word

*See pages 2 – 4 of this order of service*

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**      *Read by Beth MacNeil*

**The Psalm**      22: 24 - 30

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**      *Read by Ted Guthrie*

**The Gospel Hymn**    SNC#151 *Jesus Before Me*

**The Gospel**    John 15: 1 - 8

**The Homily**

### The Prayers of the People

We pray for Mandi, Robert, Marcus & family, Jacqueline, Ann, Scott, Lorna, Gert, Mark & family, Bob & family, Lynda, Jen, Bob & Eleanor, Thelma, Erin, Betty, Fred, Marion, Shelagh, Tootsie, Scott, Rob, Ruth, Marion F., Sandra, Ivan, Fred D., Shirley, Susan, Mary, Roger, Aaron, Jane, Penny, Karen, Peter, Glenda, Rod.

We pray for those known to us alone, and those known only to God.

### **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

**Offertory Hymn**      CP#60 *I Come With Joy*

**Prayer Over the Gifts**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer #3 page 198 in the BAS*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues ....*

Therefore, joining our voices  
with the whole company of heaven,  
we sing our joyful hymn of praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

SNC #212

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed  
is the one coming in the name, the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues ....*



Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues ....*

By whom, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

CP#744

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

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

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

CP#746

**Refrain**

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

*In the breaking of the bread.*

**1. The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ.**

**2. One body are we, alleluia,  
For though many, we share one bread.**

## **The Communion**

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Eucharist, as this is Christ's Table, and Christ is our Host. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing.  
Gluten free wafers are also offered.*

## **Music During Communion**

### **The Doxology**

Glory to God,  
**Whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we could ask or imagine.**  
Glory to God, from generation to generation,  
in the Church, and in Christ Jesus,  
forever and ever, Amen.

### **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** CP#482 *Come and Journey With a Saviour*

### **The Dismissal**

Alleluia!  
Let us go in peace to serve God, one another,  
and to care for the earth.  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

*Thank you for the blessing of your presence at St. Paul's this morning. While the liturgy is over, our worship continues as we come together for fellowship and refreshment in the parish hall.  
All are welcome.*



## **The Feast of Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2024**

This year, for the Easter Vigil here at St. Paul's, we were joined by members of the Parish of St. Lawrence. We in turn have been invited to join with St. Lawrence on Pentecost Sunday. Bishop William Cliff will be preaching and presiding, and it will be a wonderful way to celebrate together God's giving of the Holy Spirit, the Birth-Day of the Church. More details to come.

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## The Big Give Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

## Say YES! To Kids Sunday Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>



Most of you know about “The Big Give” in which St. Paul’s has participated enthusiastically. Last year, we focussed on collecting used children’s clothes and toys. This year, we will be continuing our focus on children, and by happy coincidence Sunday has been designated “Say YES! To Kids” Sunday.

“Say YES! To Kids” is an initiative of the Anglican Foundation of Canada, which raises funds to support ministry with children and youth in communities (in and outside parishes) across Canada.

Let’s show our support for children in our local community by contributing to “The Big Give” on June 1<sup>st</sup>! This year, we will be collecting children’s gently used/new books and puzzles (with all the pieces) AND craft supplies, which will be put together into craft kits.

Lots of fun things available at local dollar stores!

Items needed: scissors, glue, tape, construction paper, pencils, pencil crayons, crayons, markers, pipe cleaners, pom poms, googly eyes, beads, rulers, erasers, hole punches, popsicle sticks, craft clay, play doh, stickers, craft foam, felt squares, sparkles, glitter glue.....

If you aren’t able to shop, but would like to contribute money towards this project, please put your contribution in an envelope, with your name on it, and shopping will be done on your behalf.

It would be great if we collected enough for 50 bags! See the display table in the church for ideas.....and **GIVE BIG!**