

# *Welcome to St. Paul's!*



*Sunday,  
February 23rd,  
2025*

*The Seventh  
Sunday After  
Epiphany*

## *At Home*

In the morning when I rise, O God,  
you are with me strong and sure,  
turning my dreams into insights  
and teaching me the delights of your law.  
You preserve my life day after day,  
and in return, I rejoice at the new dawn.  
guard my waiting this day, O Lord;  
guide my feet and my hands,  
give me stillness and patience  
so that I may give delight to you,  
to myself, and to those I meet. Amen.

# Come, Let Us Worship

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) page 67

Presiding The Rev. Lynn Mitchell+  
Lay Reader Karen Brown

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And with Thy Spirit.**

For the texts of the Sunday scripture readings, please see the 10:00am service.

## Sung Holy Eucharist at 10:00am

*Book of Alternative Services BAS* (green book) page 185

*Common Praise CP* (blue hymnal)

*Sing a New Creation* (smaller blue hymnal)

Presiding & Preaching The Rev. Lynn Mitchell+

Honorary Assistant The Rev. Ted Guthrie+

Lay Reader Karen Brown

Music Director Malcolm Gillis

Duty Warden Fred Bowen

## *The Gathering of the Community*

**Opening Hymn** SNC#97 *God is Calling Through the Whisper*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God,  
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 the Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Collect of the Day

God of abundant mercy;  
you alone can turn evil into good,  
sorrow into rejoicing,  
and death into everlasting life.  
Teach us your way of grace -  
to meet hatred with kindness,  
to answer curses with blessing,  
to love without holding back,  
to give without thought of return;  
all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *The Proclamation of the Word*

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Genesis 45: 3 - 11

*Read by Ian Coombe*

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there — since there are five more years of famine to come — so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 37: 1 - 12**

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*

**do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*

**and like the green grass fade away.**

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*

**dwelt in the land and feed on its riches.**

4 Take delight in the Lord, \*

**who shall give you your heart's desire.**

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in the Holy One \*

**who will bring it to pass.**

6 God will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*

**and your just dealing as the noonday.**

7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God. \*

**Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

8 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*

**do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.**

9 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*

**but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

10 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*

**you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.**

11 But the lowly shall possess the land; \*

**they will delight in abundance of peace.**

12 The wicked plot against the righteous \*

**and gnash at them with their teeth.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 Corinthians 15: 35 – 38, 42-50 *Read by Ann McDowell*

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' <sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is

first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

<sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Hymn** CP#476 *God, You Have Caused to Be Written*

**The Gospel** Luke 6: 27 - 38

@ 8:30am

The Lord be with you.

**And with Thy Spirit.**

The Holy Gospel .....

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

@10:00am

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel .....

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

<sup>27</sup> But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to

receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

### The Gospel of Christ

@ 8:30am

@ 10:00am

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

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

### The Homily

### The Nicene Creed

*BAS page 188*

### The Prayers of the People

We pray for Ann, Scott, Lorna, Gert, Lynda, Thelma, Fred, Bob & Eleanor, Shelagh, Jen, Tootsie, Scott, Rob, Ruth, Marion F., Sandra, Fred D., Shirley, Susan, Roger, Aaron, Jane, Karen, Glenda, Ian, Janie, Michelle, Elizabeth, Judy, Ken, Gwen, Marjorie, Peter K., Norma, Beth, Marie, and Ron.

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

### The Confession & Absolution

*BAS page 191*

### The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

**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 #1*

*From Book of Alternative Services (green prayer book) page 193*

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, with them, and with all your saints, who have served you in every age, with give thanks, and raise our voices 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! (X2)**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one  
coming in the name, the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (X2)**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues ....*



Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life, you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues ....*

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours almighty God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

CP#744

**The Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,  
For we all share the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,  
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

**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.*

**Communion Hymn CP#543**    *Unto the Hills around Do I Lift Up*

## Prayer After 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#577      *God of Grace, and God of Glory*

### The Dismissal

Let us go in peace to serve God, one another,  
and to care for the earth.

**Thanks be to God!**

*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.*



## ANNUAL VESTRY 2025

Next Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

One Sunday service at 10:00am

Meeting will follow.

# World Day of Prayer 2025



Please join us for World Day of Prayer. A prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice.

The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands.

**St. Paul's Anglican Church, Brockville**  
**Thursday, March 6th 2025 7:00pm**



**Please join us for St. Paul's Annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday!**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 6:30pm**

**Free Will offering (All proceeds go to Food Bank)**



**St. Patrick's Day Céilí in the Church Hall**  
**Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> with Fiddlers Plus and**

**Caller Eithne Dunbar**

**Dancing 2pm-3:30pm followed by tea and refreshments Admission by cash donation**

**Wear soft shoes No partner necessary!**

## This Week at St. Paul's

### Monday

**Prayers for St Paul's and our Parish Ministries** 10:45am-11:00am.

Please contact Jane Guthrie 613 802 8513 or Jennifer Palmer 343 364 4388 for more information.

### Tuesday

**Women's Book Study** on Zoom.

Contact Jane Guthrie 613 802 8513 [ccrquilts@gmail.com](mailto:ccrquilts@gmail.com)

**Choir Practice** 7:00pm

Contact Malcolm Gillis [mgmalmcolmgillis@gmail.com](mailto:mgmalmcolmgillis@gmail.com)

### Wednesday

**Bible Study** 10:00am - 11:30am on Zoom

Contact Rev. Lynn [revlynnam@gmail.com](mailto:revlynnam@gmail.com)

**Service of Healing Prayer with Holy Eucharist** @ noon in person and on Zoom. Contact Dave Bell 613 802 8158

### Thursday

**Bible Study** 7:00pm in-person and Zoom.

Contact Rev. Ted 613 498 2942 [bama.contact@gmail.com](mailto:bama.contact@gmail.com)

### Saturday

**Tai Chi Classes** 10am-11am

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