

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Changing our corner of the world with good news

*I am the Way
the Truth
and the Life*

John 14:6

5th Sunday of Easter May 3rd 2026

Morning Prayer 8:30am

Book of Common Prayer BCP (small, burgundy book page 4)

Preaching Karen Brown Officiant Julie Case

Rector The Rev. Lynn Mitchell+

Duty Warden Patricia Birtch-Guirandou

Morning Prayer 10:00am

Book of Alternative Services BAS (green book)

Common Praise CP (large blue hymnal)

Sing a New Creation SNC (small blue hymnal)

Preaching Karen Brown Officiant Jessee Mungai

Rector The Rev. Lynn Mitchell+

Music Director Malcolm Gillis

Duty Warden Cindy Smith

Morning Prayer



Welcome

We recognize and acknowledge the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples, on whose traditional territories we live, we learn and we do our work.

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

Opening Hymn CP532

What a Friend We have in Jesus

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

And also with you.

The world belongs to the Lord.

The earth and all its people.

How good and lovely it is

to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together,

justice and peace join hands.

if the Lord's disciples keep silent,

These stones would shout aloud.

Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

The Lord is our refuge and strength.

O come, let us worship.

The Venite *Psalms 95.1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

*** let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

*** and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God,

*** and a great king above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

*** and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his for he made it,

*** and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

*** and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*** Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us now make ourselves ready to hear and receive what God is saying to us through Holy Scripture

The First Reading Acts 7: 55- 60

Read by Pat Gillis

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man

standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears,

and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then

they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the

witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus,

receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud

voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said

this, he died.

Hear What the Spirit is Saying!

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 31: 1 - 5, 15 - 16

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame; *

deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *

make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, *

for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, *

lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *

for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *

for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Reading 1 Peter 2: 2 – 10 Read by *Ian Coombe*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'the stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a

holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Hear what the Spirit is Saying!
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn CP405 *Alleluia*

The Gospel John 14: 1 - 14

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going'.

⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has

seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

Hear, O Israel

One of the scribes asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered,

Hear, O Israel,

the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

The Prayers of the People

Gert, Lynda, Thelma, Bob, Shelagh, Tootsie, Lloyd M., Rob, Ruth,
Marion, Fred D., Laurie, Aaron, Karen, Ian F., Elizabeth, Ken,

Marjorie, Tom, Marie, Joanie, Ann, Viola, Terry, Tracey, Wendy,
Alex, Joan, Helen, Nancy, Ian M., Tiffany, Atlas, Carter and Rob R.

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

The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

Holy God, Maker of all,

have mercy upon us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Mary,

have mercy upon us.

Holy Spirit, breath of life,

have mercy upon us.

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

Silence

**In the community of Christ's Church
and in the presence of all God's people,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved God,
cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as we should.
We acknowledge our responsibility,
and pray for God's pardon.**

May God forgive us,
Christ befriend us,
and the Spirit renew and change our lives.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offering Hymn CP451 *King of Love, O Christ We Crown You*

**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 Collect of the Day

Almighty God,

**Your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another
and walk in the way of his commandments,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught us, let us pray...

The Blessing

May God bless us;
may God keep us in the Spirit's care
and lead our lives in love.
**May Christ's warm welcome
shine from our hearts
and Christ's own peace prevail
through this and every day.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Closing Hymn CP450 *You Call Us, Lord, to Be*

Dismissal

From where we are to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure to what you will reveal.

Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom.

Jesus, now lead on.

Because things have been prepared
for those who love God.

Jesus, now lead on.

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.

St. Paul's Church Presents
Check Please! A One Act Comedy
by Johnathan Rand
Saturday May 9th 2:00pm

Tickets \$20 includes
"Café-style Afternoon Tea" after the
performance. Come and enjoy a selection of
fancy tea sandwiches, squares and scones,
a pot of tea, or a cup of coffee.

For more info contact the office
613 342 5865 office@stpaulsbrockville.ca



Reminder: The office is closed and will re-open Wednesday May 6th at 9:00am We will be checking emails and phone messages.



I Want That At My Funeral. 2

Due to popular demand, Rev. Lynn will be leading a second workshop for those who missed the first one.

Saturday, May 16th at 10:00am

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church or you may contact the office.

613 342 5865 office@stpaulsbrockville.ca



Saturday June 6th

The Big Give Canada is an annual nationwide community outreach, where churches and ministries provide goods, services and food to their neighbours to show generosity and care without expecting anything in return.

The purpose of this event is to demonstrate God's love through no strings attached giving.

We will be participating and our theme is gently used clothing, shoes and accessories.

If you don't have any clothing to donate, cookies would be gratefully received to bless our community.

Drop off days and times TBA.

This Week at St. Paul's

Monday

Prayers for St Paul's and our Parish Ministries 10:45am-11:00am
on Zoom. Please contact Jennifer Palmer 343 364 4388

Check Please! Rehearsals 6:00pm

Tuesday

Office Closed

Women's Book Study on Zoom.

Contact Sheila Francis 613 213 4807 sheilafrancispt@gmail.com

Choir Practice 7:00pm

Wednesday

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

Contact the office 613 342 5865 office@stpaulsbrockville.ca

Service of Healing Prayer with Holy Eucharist @ noon in person

Contact Jennifer Palmer 343 364 4388 jm7palmer@gmail.com

Tai Chi Intermediate class 10:00am

Camera Club 7:00pm

Thursday

Bible Study 7:00pm in-person and on Zoom. For more info

contact the office 613 342 5865 office@stpaulsbrockville.ca

Check Please! Rehearsals 6:00pm

Saturday

Check Please! Play and Afternoon Tea 2:00 pm



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St. Paul's Monthly Financial Update

	Income	Expense	Surplus/Deficit		Income	Expense	Surplus/Deficit
Jan-26	\$13,836.55	\$25,136.80	-\$11,300.25	Jan-25	\$16,924.00	\$19,043.77	-\$2,119.77
Feb-26	\$14,193.00	\$23,962.00	-\$9,769.00	Feb-25	\$12,192.00	\$20,593.96	-\$8,401.96
Mar-26	\$17,667.02	\$17,259.75	\$407.27	Mar-25	\$17,368.89	\$19,974.90	-\$2,606.01
Apr-26				Apr-25	\$23,856.00	\$17,961.89	\$5,894.11
May-26				May-25	\$13,906.00	\$17,130.06	-\$3,224.06
Jun-26				Jun-25	\$17,256.39	\$18,743.59	-\$1,487.20
July-26				July-25	\$15,216.25	\$17,452.06	-\$2,235.81
Aug-26				Aug-25	\$12,556.00	\$17,897.89	-\$5,341.89
Sept-26				Sept-25	\$16,014.00	\$28,116.13	-\$12,102.13
Oct-26				Oct-25	\$16,513.31	\$18,156.47	-\$1,643.16
Nov-26				Nov-25	\$16,472.00	\$16,517.14	-\$45.14
Dec-26				Dec-25	\$23,298.22	\$22,409.04	\$889.18
	45,696.57	66,358.55	-20,661.98		201,573.06	233,996.90	-32,423.84

The March income was up over last year's March. The hall rentals and quarterly interest income from the Church's investments helped with the income. The expenses were down compared to last year.

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