

Welcome to St. Paul's

Changing our corner of the world with good news



Sunday
September
28th, 2025
Season of
Creation

Honouring the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

Holy Communion at 8:30am

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

Presiding The Rev. Lynn Mitchell+

Lay Reader Dave Bell Warden Scott Wilson

Holy Eucharist at 10:00am

Book of Common Prayer BCP (burgundy book)

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 Julie Case

Music Director Malcolm Gillis

Warden Alex Joseph



Come, Let Us Worship

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.

Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 67

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.

The Holy Eucharist The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn CP#409

Before the Earth Had Yet Begun

Greeting

The grace of Jesus, the Peacemaker,
and the love of the Creator,
and the companionship of the Sacred Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Collect for the National Indigenous Day of Prayer

(Anglican Church of Canada)

Creator God,

from you every family in heaven and earth
takes its name.

**You have rooted and grounded us
in your covenant love,
and empowered us by your Spirit**

to speak the truth in love,
and to walk in your way
towards justice and wholeness.
Mercifully grant that your people,
journeying together in partnership,
may be strengthened and guided
to help one another to grow
into the full stature of Christ,
who is our light and our life. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The 1st Reading Exodus 17: 1 - 7

Read by Ian Coombe

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me'. ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Here what the Spirit is saying!
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 85

- ¹ You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- ² You have forgiven all the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- ³ You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- ⁴ Restore us then, O God our Saviour; *
let your anger depart from us.
- ⁵ Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
Will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- ⁶ Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸ I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying, *
**for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.**
- ⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, *
that your glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- ¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- ¹² Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness shall go before you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

The 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 18 -20 *Read by Norma Riley*

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

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

The Gospel Hymn CP#418

Draw the Circle Wide

The Gospel John 19: 25 - 30

@ 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.

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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

The Homily

Affirmation of Faith for the Season of Creation

Let us affirm our faith together.

Women We believe that God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things.

Men We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.

Women We believe that God became flesh and blood, became a part of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.

Men We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation, and filling the cosmos.

Women We believe the Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

Together We believe that with Christ we will rise, and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being, **Have mercy on us.**

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God, **Have mercy on us.**

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives, **Have mercy on us.**

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land, **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind, **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people, **Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouths of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.
Hear us, O Christ



Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us grace to minister to your people in this congregation of St. Paul's, as we remember those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for Gert, Lynda, Thelma, Bob & Eleanor, Shelagh,
Tootsie, Scott S., Rob, Ruth, Marion F., Sandra, Fred D.,
Shirley, Susan, Roger, Aaron, Jane, Karen, Glenda, Ian, Elizabeth,
Judy, Ken, Gwen, Marjorie, Peter K., Marie, Ron, Tom, Joanie,
Ann, Thomas, Dina, Reina, Viola, Frank, Wally, Terry, Tracey,
Wendy, Scott, Joan and Helen.

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

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one. **Amen**

The Confession

Merciful and sustaining God,

we have sinned against you.

We confess our lack of gratitude

for the beauty and bounty of your creation:

teach us to see that your earth

sustains us and all that lives.

We confess that we have misused your earth:
grant us amendment of life.
We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.
We confess that we have taken
the abundance of your world for granted:
make us urgent now for its protection.
Forgive and renew us now
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
with whom you live and reign,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn CP#484 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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

The Creator is with you.
And also with you.
Open your hearts to God.
We pray for our hearts to be filled.
Let us give thanks to the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues

We unite with all creation and with the angels,
guardian spirits, the saints and all our relations
to join in everlasting thanksgiving and praise as we sing:

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

Guide our footsteps that we may walk
a straight path in truth and kindness.
Bless our hands that we will always
reach out with love to one another.
Bless us with wisdom to follow the right directions,
so that we may have the courage we need
to face the sunrise and the sunset as we strive to complete our
circle. Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus,
in the unity of the Spirit who draws us together,
all glory and honour are yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

CP#744

The Breaking of the Bread

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

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy upon 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 SNC#134

When the Hungry Who Have Nothing

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#317

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

The Dismissal

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

Saturday, October 4th
9:30am – 1pm
Many hands make light work....
can we count on yours?



Sunday October 5th
in the Season of
Creation

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
with the Blessing of the Animals



We are moving to YouTube as the platform for live streaming our
Sunday 10am service. The inaugural live stream will be
Next Sunday, Sunday, October 5th.

Check out our channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/@StPaulsBrockville-12acc>

We needed unique numbers and letters after our name, so

12 = 12 Pine St acc = Anglican Church of Canada

Take a look and add yourself as a subscriber!

The funeral of Beth MacNeil will be held at St. Paul's, Saturday, October 11th at 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend. Interment at St. James Cemetery in Maitland will follow. A reception will be held at the MacNeil home beginning at 5:00pm.