

Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale

Sharing the Love of Christ: Wherever, However,
Whenever



Order of Service for the Holy Eucharist Fourth Sunday after Pentecost World Refugee Sunday & Fathers' Day Sunday June 16, 2024 at 10:30am

If you are visiting today you are our guest. Thank you for worshipping with us. We encourage you to participate as you are comfortable. If you have questions please ask a Greeter. We hope you will join us again. Blessings.

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Organ Prelude

Welcome (Please remain seated.)

Litany for Refugees

One: Compassionate God, as you guided the Israelites through the wilderness,

All: Be a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day for refugees in search of new hope and new life.

One: As you brought the Israelites out of bondage to freedom,

All: Bring refugees out of persecution to safety.

One: As you protected the Israelites through 40 years in the desert,

All: Protect those who languish for years in refugee camps.

One: Wipe away their tears of sorrow,

All: That their mourning may give way to joyous hope.

One: Put an end to warfare and tyranny,

All: That some may return home without fear of violence.

One: Open the doors of safer nations,

All: That some may find new homes in new lands.

One: Rebuild their lives,

All: That they might enjoy the fruit of labours in peace.

One: Restore their material goods,

All: That they might sustain their families in prosperity.

One: Revive their hope,

All: That they might face a future with promise.

One: Shine your grace upon them,

All: That they might know your love.

One: And inspire your church to welcome the stranger,

All: That together we might build communities of hope where strangers become neighbours, friends, and siblings in you . Amen.

(Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Worship Resources for World Refugee Day)

The Grace

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

All: And also with you

(please rise as you are able)

Processional Hymn: CP 502 You are Salt for the Earth

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land we are standing on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaty signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands. Let us be mindful of these broken covenants and strive to make this right, with the land and with each other.

Litany for Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

One: All around us, God is looking for people who will join in serving others.

All: It is as if God is planting seeds of compassion in us, watching for them to bloom in our lives.

One: In our midst, Jesus is walking among us, tending our hearts, watering us with grace.

All: It is as if Jesus is trusting that our souls will grow big enough to welcome everyone.

One: From morning to evening, the Spirit is at work, gently tending this garden called life.

All: It is as if the Spirit has found the perfect spots to bring forth crops of justice and peace.

(<https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>)

Kyrie Eleison

**All: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect

Creating God, you call your people to love as you love, without partiality, showing hospitality to the stranger, doing justice, speaking for those whose voices are not being heard, and defending the rights of the poor, needy, and marginalised. Help us to show your love in all that we do and say. May we see the face of your Son in the faces of all whom we are called to love and serve through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

(Canadian Lutheran World Relief)

(After the Collect, children and youth are encouraged to go downstairs for their special time. If you are new, please ask a Greeter for directions. Enjoy!)

The Proclamation of the Word *(please be seated)*

First Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13

³⁴ Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

16 The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' ² Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD."' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and

said, 'Do you come peaceably?' ⁵ He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. (NRSVA)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 20 - Responsive reading

- ¹ The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- ² **May God send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion.**
- ³ May God remember all your offerings,
and regard with favour your burnt sacrifices. *Selah*
- ⁴ **May God grant you your heart's desire,
and fulfil all your plans.**

- 5 May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners.
May the LORD fulfil all your petitions.
- 6 **Now I know that the LORD will help the anointed;
God will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.**
- 7 Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.
- 8 **They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.**
- 9 Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

(NRSVA)

Gradual Hymn: CP 405 Alleluia No. 1 (Refrain sung twice)

The Gospel: Mark 4: 26 - 34

(please remain standing)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁶⁻²⁹ Then Jesus said, "God's kingdom is like seed thrown on a field by a man who then goes to bed and forgets about it. The seed sprouts and grows—he has no idea how it happens. The earth does it all without his help: first a green stem of grass, then a bud, then the ripened grain. When the grain is fully formed, he reaps—harvest time! ³⁰⁻³² "How can we picture God's kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It's like an acorn. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge oak tree with thick branches. Eagles nest in it."

³³⁻³⁴ With many stories like these, he presented his message to them, fitting the stories to their experience and maturity. He was never without a story when he spoke. When he was alone with his disciples, he went over everything, sorting out the tangles, untying the knots.

(The Message)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia CP 405 Alleluia No. 1 (refrain sung twice)

Reflection: Emelia and Stephen

Contemplative Pause

People: God, we hear and receive your words of hope and encouragement, and with thoughtful gladness we sing.

CP 447 Lord we hear your Word with Gladness (vs 1)

“Lord we hear your word with gladness: You have spoken - we rejoice. Words of love and life and freedom - help us make their truth our choice! Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you; Spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.”

Immigrant Apostle’s Creed

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger.

When he returned to his own country he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured and unjustly condemned to death. But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God’s kingdom.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God’s kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

I believe that the Church is the secure home for foreigners and for all believers.

I believe that the communion of saints begins when we embrace all God’s people in all their diversity.

(Rev. Jose Luis Casal)

The Prayers of the People (*please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer*)

Confession & Absolution for Refugee Sunday

(*please sit or kneel as you prefer*)

One: Gracious and merciful God, you sent your Son Jesus into this world to teach us your way of justice and peace, to show us how to live with compassionate love. Hear us as we confess our [faults], the things we have done and the things we have left undone in our thinking, speaking and acting. Let us hear your word of forgiveness yet again that we might be changed day by day into the image of love incarnate, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pause for personal reflection.

One: Caring God, please listen to our words and our innermost Thoughts.

We confess **that we haven't listened well to Jesus' commands to love you and to love our neighbour as ourselves.**

We confess **the times we have listened to Jesus' words but failed to respond to his command to love.**

We confess **our lack of understanding that you indeed know no partiality. We confess our fear of change.**

We confess our failure to build bridges and work together to challenge racism, discrimination and prejudice.

We confess our ignorance for which there is no excuse.

Forgive us, merciful God. Open our hearts to the challenge of your Son's command to love. Open our eyes to see the plight of refugees. **Open our ears to hear their cries for help. Open our mouths to speak for those whose voices are not being heard. Open our hands to make a difference in their lives.**

Forgive us, gracious and merciful God so that we may love and serve you and our neighbours as you have taught us to do through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

One: Know this: God does not deal with us according to our sins no seek retaliation for them. Be at peace. In steadfast love, God forgives you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Canadian Lutheran World Relief)

The Peace:

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP 500 Sister Let Me be Your Servant

The Great Thanksgiving

May the God of steadfast love be with you!

And also with you!

Sisters, brothers and non-binary of Christ, lift your hearts to God.

We open ourselves to the One who fills us with grace.

Beloved of the Lord, sing glad praises to God.

Songs of wonder are offered to our God.

Catching a glimpse of goodness and beauty, you shattered the stillness of chaos with your imaginative Word, your Spirit of faith moving, transforming, shaping, creating.

What had not been seen before sprang forth: suns and moons spinning in the galaxies, rivers racing one another to the seas, gentle grains whispering in the breeze.

This garden of wonders and hopes were shared with those you created in your image, **but we wanted to do things our way and forsook you for the temptations offered to us by sin and death.**

You would not forsake us and sent the prophets to us with words of hope and grace, **but we rejected their words as having no meaning for us. Your love was steadfast and your faith for us did not diminish as you sent Jesus to call us back to your heart.**

With those whose faith is strong and firm, with those who struggle to believe, with all of every time and place, we sing our songs of thanksgiving to you:

Sanctus and Benedictus: (CP 735)

(sung)

**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.**

(Please be seated)

You are holy, God of hope and forgiveness, and Jesus Christ is your love made human. He could have come to divide us, **but came that we might be one with you and with our siblings.** He could have come to judge us, **but came to pull us out of harm's way.**

He could have come to defy us, **but came to reject death and sin's claim on us, defeating their power once and for all.**

As we remember how we have turned our backs on him, as we hear his invitation to this table of grace, we speak of that faith in which we believe:

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

As long as we break this bread and share this cup, we remember his death and resurrection, until he comes again. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's sacrifice for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ died, showing us the way of obedience;
Christ is raised, showing us the way of new life;
Christ will come, showing us your glory.**

(lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup. that they may be for us the Body and Blood of the Beloved, Jesus Christ.

Renew your living Holy Spirit within us, that, receiving the body of Christ, we become the Body of Christ.

In the death and resurrection of Christ, may we die to our old ways, and be born anew.

**Here we are; send us as your people to serve you for the sake of your love for the world, in the name and the Spirit of Christ.
Amen.**

(unfoldinglight.com)

The Lord's Prayer

(sung)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the Glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Agnus Dei: (CP 747) *(sung)*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy upon us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymns: CP 435 Take My Life and Let It Be CP 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. At your table you make of us one family, one Body. Send us into the world in the unity of your love to bear your blessings to all our siblings in the Spirit of Christ. **Amen.**

(unfoldinglight.net)

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God, **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.**

Congregational prayers and thanks

Announcements

Sending forth & Blessing. *“As we enter the week ahead, may”*

One: The God who has reconciled us to one another, as well as the Holy Community, sends us forth.

All: We will go to gather the broken [hearted] as we bring healing in our hands.

One: Jesus, who has shaped us into new people with his grace-filled hands, sends us forth.

All: We will go to welcome those we have ignored, drawing the stranger into a warm embrace.

One: The Spirit, who teaches us how to look at others with the eyes of love and hope, sends us forth.

All: We will go to become one with ["the other" – Indigenous Peoples, refugees, immigrants, the marginalised and other unnamed groups], to be the community of hope for which they have searched. (<https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>)

All Three-fold Amen (sung)

Recessional Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword; oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Refrain:

Faith of the martyrs, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

2 The martyrs chained in prison cells were still in heart and conscience free, and bless'd would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee! [Refrain]

3 Faith of the martyrs, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife, and preach thee, too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life! [Refrain]

Dismissal:

One: Go in peace to love and serve the God of love, justice and mercy, who sent Jesus. He calls us to be his presence to a questioning world, and to serve each other and our community with joy.

All: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

*Flowers are given by Pansy Stewart in
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Roy B.A. Stewart and loved ones*

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Announcements and Looking Forward

World Refugee Sunday

Since 2021, our Diocese has celebrated Refugee Sunday in collaboration with the Anglican-United Refugee Alliance (AURA). Refugee Sunday is now a project of the Sponsorship Agreement Holding-dioceses in the Anglican Church of Canada, in collaboration with the Primate's Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). The Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, has invited all dioceses to observe Refugee Sunday at some point in the month leading up to World Refugee Day on June 20. We have chosen today to recognize our newcomer siblings in Christ. Hear their stories today.

Today we recognize Fathers' Day

We celebrate all who identify as fathers, or serve in a fatherly role.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events. Two important events (along with others): **Parish clean up day Saturday, June 22nd.** Please join us between 10 - 3 for any time you can spare to be with us as we refresh our church home. If people contributed for 1 hour, imagine the difference that would make. Hope to c u there on Saturday. Please sign up on the sheet at the back if you know that you will be able to be with us.

Parish Town Hall Sunday, June 23rd.

You asked. What is a Town Hall? This will be a short meeting/discussion immediately after our service. It is a way to keep you informed about what is going on in our church, new initiatives, concerns, and plans in the works. It is also a time to allow you an opportunity to ask questions, share your concerns and joys about this place you call your church home?

We say **good-bye** to Jones and his family as this is his last Sunday with us. Thank you for your service to the people of St. Paul. We wish you all the best.

Welcome Doors Campaign. Thank you for your contributions and prayers. Nine Sundays ago, I mentioned that we had been given an unexpected challenge by a long-time past parishioner to match our giving target of \$15,000. The cost of doors is not inexpensive, as anything these days. And it's not just the doors but all the other components which go along with them. If you want to know more details, please speak with one of the Wardens or me. We also know that not everyone can commit to or give a sizable amount, but I am encouraging you to give as you comfortably can to help defray the purchase price. Please specify your in-person or online donation for DOORS.

Thank you! And if you cannot give, please do not feel guilty/ bad, please pray for the success of our short term campaign. Watch our Welcome Doors Campaign thermometer climb as donations come in to indicate our progress.

Our need is urgent. Our time is short. We need your support. We need your prayers.

Rev. Randy (and the Wardens)

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Orders of Service. Please take them with you and be inspired through the week or to share with someone.

Season of Spiritual Renewal. During the recent Cast the Net consultations across our Diocese, the leadership team, which includes our Canon Dr. Anita Gittens, heard that as a Diocese we're hungry to know and love God more deeply. Bishop Andrew has therefore called us to begin a two year Season of Spiritual Renewal lasting until Epiphany 2026. During this journey of faith let us consider our relationship with God and each other as we grow as a community of faith.

A new month.

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada. June 21st is National Indigenous People Day.

June is Pride Month when we remember our LGBTQ2S+ siblings and celebrate with them.

Thursday, June 20th, 2024 is World Refugee Day.

The College of Carpenters and Allied Trades. This organization is looking for people who are unemployed and want to work. COVID caused many organizations to close and put people out of work. As employees in the industry reach retirement age, there has become a need for more skilled trades to pick up the slack.

Through this college, those who cannot afford a college or university degree can be paid as they train after completing an introductory course. Men and women of all ages and backgrounds who can speak English and have a minimum of Grade 10 education are welcome.



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