

Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale

Sharing the Love of Christ: Wherever, However,
Whenever



Order of Service for the Holy Eucharist
Theme: Faith and Hope in Suffering
Pentecost 6 and Youth Sunday
Sunday June 30, 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

Gathering Litany (Please remain seated.)

One: Lord Jesus, help us to be patient in our afflictions and faithful in our prayers.

All: The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him; to the one who seeks Him, it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

One: May you fill our hearts with hope and faith, trusting that in our suffering, you bring healing and restoration.

All: The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him; to the one who seeks Him, it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

One: Lord God, as we pour out our fateful hearts before you, we pray that you may give us your divine peace and comfort as we walk in your steadfast love

All: The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him; to the one who seeks Him, it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

(Youth of St. Paul the Apostle – Rexdale)

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: *Be Thou My Vision* CP 505

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.

Worship Litany for Sixth Sunday of Pentecost / Youth Sunday

One: God, let us have steadfast trust in you; and remain faithful in times of trial.

All: Lord, remind us that without hope, there is no faith

One: We have faith in you, our Lord; remind us to remain hopeful in all things.

All: Lord, remind us that without hope, there is no faith.

One: As we seek to follow you in all things, inspire us to love each other as you love us, even in our suffering.

All: Lord, remind us that without hope, there is no faith.

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Kyrie Eleison

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Merciful God, you listen to all our prayers— cries of joy and cries for help, shouts of frustration and speechless awe, wordless weeping and lengthy lament. Some of us wait decades for your response; others sense it immediately. May we come to know your presence, even when you seem absent, and seek your unexpected responses. **Embolden us to keep praying through dismay and disappointment, for the Holy Spirit speaks for us when we are unable to pray. Amen.**

(calltoworshipjournal.org)

The Proclamation of the Word *(Please be seated.)*

First Reading: 2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27 - Cherish

1 After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

¹⁷ David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. ¹⁸ (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: ¹⁹ Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! ²⁰ Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. ²¹ You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. ²² From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. ²³ Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. ²⁴ O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. ²⁵ How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. ²⁶ I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. ²⁷ How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

(NRSVA)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 130 - Responsive reading - Felix

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

2 **Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

4 **But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

- ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
⁶ **my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**
⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
⁸ **It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.** (NRSVA)

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

The Gospel: Mark. 5: 21 -43 (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.

²¹⁻²⁴ After Jesus crossed over by boat, a large crowd met him at the seaside. One of the meeting-place leaders named Jairus came. When he saw Jesus, he fell to his knees, beside himself as he begged, "My dear daughter is at death's door. Come and lay hands on her so she will get well and live." Jesus went with him, the whole crowd tagging along, pushing and jostling him.

²⁵⁻²⁹ A woman who had suffered a condition of hemorrhaging for twelve years—a long succession of physicians had treated her, and treated her badly, taking all her money and leaving her worse off than before—had heard about Jesus. She slipped in from behind and touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, "If I can put a finger on his robe, I can get well." The moment she did it, the flow of blood dried up. She could feel the change and knew her plague was over and done with. ³⁰ At the same moment, Jesus felt energy discharging from him. He turned around to the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" ³¹ His disciples said, "What are you talking about? With this crowd pushing and jostling you, you're asking, 'Who touched me?' Dozens have touched you!" ³²⁻³³ But he went on asking, looking around to see who had done it. The woman, knowing what had happened, knowing she was the one, stepped up in fear and trembling, knelt before him, and gave him the whole story.

³⁴ Jesus said to her, “Daughter, you took a risk of faith, and now you’re healed and whole. Live well, live blessed! Be healed of your plague.” ³⁵ While he was still talking, some people came from the leader’s house and told him, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any more?” ³⁶ Jesus overheard what they were talking about and said to the leader, “Don’t listen to them; just trust me.” ³⁷⁻⁴⁰ He permitted no one to go in with him except Peter, James, and John. They entered the leader’s house and pushed their way through the gossips looking for a story and neighbours bringing in casseroles. Jesus was abrupt: “Why all this busybody grief and gossip? This child isn’t dead; she’s sleeping.” Provoked to sarcasm, they told him he didn’t know what he was talking about. ⁴⁰⁻⁴³ But when he had sent them all out, he took the child’s father and mother, along with his companions, and entered the child’s room. He clasped the girl’s hand and said, “*Talitha koum*,” which means, “Little girl, get up.” At that, she was up and walking around! This girl was twelve years of age. They, of course, were all beside themselves with joy. He gave them strict orders that no one was to know what had taken place in that room. Then he said, “Give her something to eat.”

(The Message)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Reflection: Britt Hudson (Youth & family Leader)

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."

Apostle's Creed

CP 44

- 1 I believe in God Almighty, Author of all things that be, maker of the earth and heavens, keeper of the sky and sea. I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life.**
- 2 I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and scorned and crucified; taken from the cross was buried – true life there had truly died.**
- 3 I believe that on the third day Christ was raised up from The grave, then ascended to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.**
- 4 I believe in God's own Spirit, bonding all the saints within one church, catholic, and holy, where forgiveness frees from sin in the body's resurrection, for the breaking of death's chain gives the life that's everlasting: this the faith that I have claimed.**

(Sylvia Dunstan)

The Prayers of the People - Zelene

(Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.)

Confession & Absolution

(Please sit or kneel as you prefer.)

Priest: We know the words we have spoken which have broken a relationship; we know the deeds we have done which separate us from friends and families. We know how we have failed to be faithful followers of Jesus. Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will touch us with the healing power of grace.

All powerful, yet forgiving God, too often, it is the hem of [our faults] we cling to, letting them drag us through the mud of fear and failures. You offer us that love which will always be with us, but we find it difficult to share it with those who need it most. You fill us with an abundance of gifts, but we think we need them all for ourselves.

Forgive us, God of gentle Hope. You do not keep a list of all

that we have done wrong, but erase our failings and foolishness, writing a new ending for our lives. You touch us with your grace, you lift us to our feet, you strengthen us so we may follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to all your children. Amen.

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

Silence.

Assurance of Pardon

Siblings in and because of Jesus, this is the [encouraging and uplifting] news: God's love has no ending; God's hope rests upon us each day; God's forgiveness restores us to new life.

Our God listens to us - to our cries, and to our joys; to our hopes and to our hearts. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven in the name of the Parent, Son and the ever-present Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

The Peace:

Priest: A word of peace can have awesome, lifechanging, inspiring, blessing power. Let us share signs of this peace in the name of the One we follow. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* CP 354

Prayer over the gifts

From cracked, flattened [or stuffed] wallets, as well as purses filled with notes, Kleenex, and lozenges; from fixed incomes and great portfolios, we gather up our gifts and offer them to you, Steadfast Love, that you might use them to [bless and grow our ministries], and also calm the fears of others, bringing them peace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

(lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

The Great Thanksgiving

May the God of hope [who inspires faith] be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, offer your hearts to God.

We open them to the joy God has for us.

People of love, proclaim your love for God.

We sing to the One whose steadfast love is forever.

When you could wait no longer, God, you spoke the Word which silenced chaos, you sent your breath racing across the waters stirring them into motion and life. You clothed the sunset in crimson and gold, you dusted the mountains with fresh dew each morning. You offered us all that is true, is beautiful, is good - **but [filled with uncertainty and doubt] we mocked and forgot your grace, placing you outside our lives, as we reached out to touch the hem of sin and death.**

Your love for us was wonderfully enduring, as you sent prophet after prophet so that we might hear your voice calling to us. You watched, you hoped, and when you could wait no longer for us, you sent your Word to answer our cries from the depths of our brokenness.

So, with all the mighty who have fallen, and all the lowly who have been lifted to their feet, we join our voices in singing your glory:

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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

(said)

Celebrant: Let us pray a version of the Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. AMEN.

(New Zealand Prayer Book)

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 Hymn: *Just As I am* CP 615

Prayer after Communion *(Please rise in body or spirit.)*

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.

Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.

God our Mother, you have fed with your grace.

**Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life,
your love, your grace with all.**

Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. **Amen.**

(calltoworshipjournal.org)

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,”*

Go to where you find friends and neighbours, as well as family and strangers.

We will share that never-ending love of the Healer of all.

Go now, with that faith which dares to touch the outcast, with hearts that break for the pain of others.

We will share the compassion of the Friend of the broken.

Go now, carrying word and wonder to a weary world, waiting in silence for the songs of hope to sing to all creation.

We will follow the Dryer of tears wherever we are led.

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All Three-fold Amen (sung) CP 721

Recessional Hymn: *Let Streams of Living Justice* CP 575

Dismissal:

One: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go serve the world God loves.

All: Thanks be to God!

Organ Postlude

Announcements and Looking Forward

Thank you:

- to the 44 parishioners who stayed behind for our first Town Hall. You had questions, concerns and thanks. We are so grateful for each of you, and your ideas, steadfast interest and commitment to your church, the community and the Gospel of Christ. I hope and pray that the session was both informative and helpful. We aim to have a Town Hall once a quarter to keep you informed and current with church and community happenings. Again, if you have concerns or joys you want to share, please reach out to any of the wardens or Rev. Randy.
- Although I called all the names last Sunday of the folks who enthusiastically engaged in the first stage of the 2024 clean-up of our church, I am now expressing my heartfelt appreciation in print.
- for all the skills, talents, gifts, prayers etc. that you individually bring to ensure that St. Paul functions to the best of our ability.
- to our choir members who bless us with music throughout the year. They deserve a summer break. We will see them back in the choir loft in time for our 70th Anniversary Service in September.

Look around, and hopefully you will see little changes for the better.

A new month (already) - July

This month we start to commemorate our own Holy Healthcare Summer months. Our aim is to bring various healthcare professionals and representatives from some community organisations in to worship with us and share helpful information. Next Sunday we welcome Vinay Masih - Advisor, Spiritual and Religious Care at Kipling Acres.

Other observances: July 1st - Canada Day , July 11th - World Population Day and July 18th, - Nelson Mandela International Day.

Free books.

On the empty shelf at the back of the church you will find copies of *A Year of Tips, Tricks, and Picks for a cleaner house and a more organised life* by Linda Cobb, and *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living* by bestselling author Dale Carnegie. Please take one for your self and some for others who may want or need them. Again, they are free, thanks to Canon Anita Gittens.

Welcome Doors Campaign. Thank you for your contributions and prayers. Eleven 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.

OUTREACH: FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF DELTA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE.

DELTA FAMILY is a non-profit, community-based agency which is committed to enhancing the potential of families and children by supporting and addressing identified needs. They have been providing programs and services for over 37 years in Northwest Etobicoke. They run a weekly food bank for people in need. Please drop off non-perishable food items in our food trunk at the back of the church. All items are greatly appreciated, however some of their greatest needs are: oil, rice, canned milk, fruits and vegetables. Thank you for your support.

The Summer Edition of the ACW Newsletter is available on the resource table in the Narthex.

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

THE ART OF RESISTANCE: DAY TRIP TO BLACK HERITAGE SITES (#1)
Saturday August 3rd, 2024.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE & ADVOCACY

Following in the footsteps of Black settlers, join in day trips to Black heritage sites in Ontario! 8:00 am: Church of the Epiphany & St. Mark, 201 Cowan Ave. Toronto M6K 2N7 8:30 am: Keele St. just north of Keele station 10:00 am: Old Durham Road Black Pioneer Cemetery Priceville, ON En route: Negro Creek Settlement Road 11:30 am: Owen Sound Emancipation Day Festival Harrison Park, Owen Sound, ON. Bring your own picnic lunch or buy from vendors at the festival

4:30 pm: Depart for Toronto

Please register by email to the Rev. Canon Claudette Taylor at ClaudetteTr921@gmail.com

Cost \$65 per person. Payment is due by July 15 either by etransfer to epiphanyandstmark@gmail.com or a cheque to the Church of the Epiphany & St. Mark. Please state that the money is payment for the bus trip.

If cost is a barrier to participation, please contact the Rev. Canon Claudette Taylor to make arrangements.

St. Mary & St. Martha Summer Job posting 2024

Camp Assistant

This position starts July 2nd and ends August 26th

Hours Sunday 9-1pm

In office hours: Monday- Thursdays 9-3pm

Camp Week :Monday-Friday 8-4pm

Wage: \$16.55

Qualifications:

- Is knowledgeable in Google Suite, Canva
- Has experience in Summer Camp Leadership
- Has experience in Administration
- Is required to work on Sundays

Camp duties (August 19-23, 2024)

Weekly Administrative duties:

- Sunday Morning Tech and Slides
- Ensure pews and Welcome areas have fresh resources
- Big Den, Little Den cleanup and creation of filling system
- Answering emails, attendance
- Committee Support: Hospitality, Chancel, Music and Social
- Community Engagement.

Summer Events:

- Party by the Pond
- Caribbean Dinner

Please submit your application by email with your cover letter, and resume to avery@stmaryandstmartha.org . Interview times will be sent out within the coming week.

The CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, DOWNSVIEW

70th ANNIVERSARY - BUS TRIP

TO LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AUGUST 15TH - 18TH, 2024

- Travel by coach to and from Lancaster PA (**10 HOURS**)
- Enjoy two nights of accommodation and continental breakfast at the Comfort Inn and Suites - Rockvale
- **Enjoy the spectacular, biblical live show DANIEL at the Sight and Sound theatre**
- Enjoy Sunday worship at St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster
- Shop til you drop at the Rockvale Outlets
- Take a stroll along the streets in Lancaster City

- Cost \$600 per adult (4 in a room); \$650 (3); \$700 (2)
- Children 12 and under \$350

Price includes transportation, accommodation, continental breakfast and show tickets.

To pay, go to <https://bit.ly/cssdGive>

***Bus departs on Thursday night and returns Sunday night.
Please have valid travel documents for the USA
Come and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship.***

**For more information, please call or text 437 246 7444
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