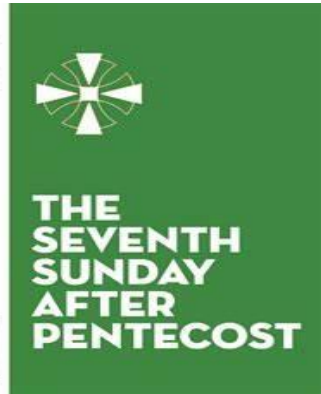


# Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale

Sharing the Love of Christ: Wherever, However,  
Whenever



## Order of Service for the Holy Eucharist Pentecost 7 and Anointing Sunday Sunday July 7, 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: Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable and the voices all around us disparage and criticize our bodies as weak and worthless, God calls to us...

**All: Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

One: When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our drive for full independence, God calls to us...

**All: Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

One: When we feel shame because we need help, and the deep vulnerability of our needs pierces our hearts, God calls to us...

**All: Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

One: Listen! Pay attention! God calls to us in our weakness, not to erase our frailties or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us *Beloved* in the fullness of who we are.

**All: May we open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness in our weakness and the power in the strength of God's love for all of God's vulnerable creation. Amen.**

*(Dr. Lisa Hancock)*

### 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.)*

**Youth Group –Grade 5 and up** will meet downstairs now for their special time. If you are new, please ask a Greeter for directions. Enjoy!

**Processional Hymn: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. Refrain

**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 Seventh Sunday of Pentecost**

One: God of grace, you perform miracles, though we do not often see them.

**All: Help us to look and to see, to trust and to receive.**

One: Give us faith, that we may be open to your truth and your grace.

**All: make us worthy vessels of your love to all the world.**

One: Our power is nothing, but your power is infinite; our abilities come and go but your ability is eternal.

**All: Help us to trust in your power alone, O God.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace.**

**Alleluia!**

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## **Kyrie Eleison**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **The Collect**

Holy God, prophets may lack honor in their hometown, but we ask you to make your home in our hearts anyway. Help us to honor your Word and not take it for granted. Move us to hear the freshness of your Spirit within words that may be familiar. Help us to honor you by paying attention to how you speak to us today. Teach us to respond to your call, so that we may be ever more faithful disciples. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

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

### **First Reading Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10**

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do

not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— <sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep<sup>[a]</sup> me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power<sup>[c]</sup> is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong..

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm: 48 - Responsive reading**

<sup>1</sup> Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.  
His holy mountain,

<sup>2</sup> **beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion,  
in the far north, the city of the great King.**

<sup>3</sup> Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defence.

<sup>4</sup> **Then the kings assembled, they came on together.**

<sup>5</sup> As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic,  
they took to flight;

<sup>6</sup> **trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in  
labour,**

<sup>7</sup> as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

<sup>8</sup> **As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of  
hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes for ever**

<sup>9</sup> We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

<sup>10</sup> **Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.**

<sup>11</sup> Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgements.

<sup>12</sup> **Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,**

<sup>13</sup> consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation

<sup>14</sup> **that this is God, our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide for ever.**

(NRSVA)

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

**The Gospel: Mark 6: 1-13** (Please remain standing.)

Priest: 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.**

**6** <sup>1-2</sup> He left there and returned to his hometown. His disciples came along. On the Sabbath, he gave a lecture in the meeting place. He stole the show, impressing everyone. "We had no idea he was this good!" they said. "How did he get so wise all of a sudden, get such ability?" <sup>3</sup> But in the next breath they were cutting him down: "He's just a carpenter—Mary's boy. We've known him since he was a kid. We know his brothers, James, Justus, Jude, and Simon, and his sisters. Who does he think he is?" They tripped over what little they knew about him and fell, sprawling. And they never got any further. <sup>4-6</sup> Jesus told them, "A prophet has little honor in his hometown, among his relatives, on the streets he played in as a child." Jesus wasn't able to do much of anything there—he laid hands on a few sick people and healed them, that's all. He couldn't get over their stubbornness. He left and made a circuit of the other villages, teaching. <sup>7-8</sup> Jesus called the Twelve to him, and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority and power to deal with the evil opposition. He sent them off with these instructions: <sup>8-9</sup> "Don't think you need a lot of extra equipment for

this. *You* are the equipment. No special appeals for funds. Keep it simple. <sup>10</sup>“And no luxury inns. Get a modest place and be content there until you leave. <sup>11</sup>“If you’re not welcomed, not listened to, quietly withdraw. Don’t make a scene. Shrug your shoulders and be on your way.” <sup>12-13</sup> Then they were on the road. They preached with joyful urgency that life can be radically different; right and left they sent the demons packing; they brought wellness to the sick, anointing their bodies, healing their spirits. (The Message)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

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

**Reflection:** Rev.Dr.Vinay Masih,PhD

Advisor, Spiritual and Religious Care at Kipling Acres.

**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.”*

**Profession of Faith / Creed**

We trust in God, **Creator of all things, who is pure compassion, who loves us unconditionally, who is present with us in good times and bad, who is our salvation.**

We trust in Christ, **the embodiment of God’s love, the love and healer of our souls, who saves us, forgiving our failures, washing away our betrayals, who teaches us life’s deepest things: how to pray, how to love, how to be gentle with each other.**

We trust in the Holy Spirit, **God's power flowing in us, that comforts the faithful, empowers us to love as we have been loved, and joins us together as the Body of Christ.**

**We believe we are sent in that Spirit to heal, to forgive, to do justice, to radiate the love of God, in the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

([www.unfoldinglight.next](http://www.unfoldinglight.next))

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

**Confession & Absolution**                      *(Please sit or kneel as you prefer.)*

When we look at the relationships we hope to have with one another, and with God, we must admit how broken we are. But, as we gather in the presence of God, we are promised forgiveness and healing, if we will confess our sins. Please join me, as we pray to the One who never ceases to love us.

**Parent God, you know how stubborn we can be.** You call us to serve others, **and we stay in the coolness of our own homes.** You would send us to where the hopeless live, **but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency.** You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, **but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve falsehoods and uncertainty.**

**Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as siblings in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet.**

**Amen.**

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

*Pause to ponder.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are all forgiven through God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ our Saviour, friend and brother. Today, right now, receive God's mercy and grace, and be at peace and joy with God, with yourself and with one another. **Amen.**



## **The Administration of Holy Unction**

Holy Unction is one of the oldest outward signs of God's presence and blessing. It consists of blended oils that have been blessed by our bishop. It is a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit from God, who is alive and within us. We are reminded that we are not alone. Please proceed in silence to your closest anointer.

### **The Peace.**

Sent out in pairs, the first disciples were given authority and power to do great deeds. Let us turn to our fellow disciples, offering words of love and grace, that we too may be sent in pairs with power and authority, to do great deeds with great love.

(ministrymatters.com) The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn: Lord You Give the Great Commission CP 433**

### **Prayer over the gifts**

Merciful God, in this time of reflection and offering, we acknowledge our weaknesses and limitations, knowing that it is through our struggles that we learn humility and dependence on you. As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our vulnerabilities, trusting in your grace to transform our weaknesses into strengths for the work of your kingdom. **Amen.** ([2 Corinthians 12:2-10](#))

### **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 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, resulting in 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 Jesus 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: Take My Life and Let It Be CP 435**

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

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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 in confidence. Know that God goes with you to give you words of hope, comfort and peace. May God's love flow through you to all those whom you meet. **Amen.**

**All Three-fold Amen (sung) CP 721**

**Recessional Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised CP 438**

## **Dismissal:**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Organ Postlude**

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## **Announcements and Looking Forward**

### **St. Paul the Apostle - Rexdale Website. Change of Web Lead**

If you were at our recent Town Hall ("Church Chat") meeting, one thing that was mentioned was the revamping of our website. One of the changes is at the top. For years Janice has been our web lead. Janice has decided that she needs a well deserved break. Thank you Janice for all the labourous, time-consuming work that you did to ensure that our website has been running. When you see Janice please convey your appreciation for the work she has done for the church.

**We welcome Michael as our new web lead.** Thank you Michael for assuming this leadership position. A few people have agreed to assist in the revamping of our site. The great thing is that they do not have to know anything about a website, but their ideas and input are vital. They will represent your thoughts. We could however, still use a couple of additional people. Please speak with me if you are interested. Michael is away today, but when you see him next Sunday DV, please express your appreciation to him for leading us in this NEXT stage of technological advance.

### **Your Website. Your input. Have your say.**

Over the next few Sundays, starting today, in your Order of Service, you will find a slip of paper with the a question: Why do you attend St. Paul the Apostle - Rexdale? You are encouraged to take the sheet,

along with your Order of Service, home with you and think about your response. Write it down and bring it back next Sunday. No more than three sentences please. If you know people who do not attend Sunday service, please forward the question to them and they can send their response via email to the church or directly to me. Thank you in helping us move forward with the church website.

**Today's surprise!** We welcome back to St. Paul, a very familiar face of our past. If you have been attending St. Paul for awhile you will be pleasantly surprised. And if you are new, come on out and see who our surprise is.

**Look around**, and hopefully you will see little changes around the church 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 organizations in to worship with us and share helpful information. Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Vinay Masih, PhD - Advisor, Spiritual and Religious Care at Kipling Acres.

Other observances: July 11<sup>th</sup> - World Population Day and July 18<sup>th</sup>, - 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 organized life* by Linda Cobb, and *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living* by bestselling author Dale Carnegie. Please take one for yourself and some for others who may want or need them. Again, they are free, thanks to Canon Anita Gittens.

**Welcome Doors Campaign.** We are getting closer to our goal.

Thank you for your contributions and prayers. Twelve 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. The colour of the door is posted on the same sheet.

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](mailto:ClaudetteTr921@gmail.com)

**Cost \$65 per person. Payment is due by July 15** either by e-transfer to [epiphanyandstmark@gmail.com](mailto: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.