



ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

Wednesday, February 18, 2026: Ash Wednesday

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
(Psalm 95:7-8)*



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

VISITING TODAY?

We want to get to know you! The greeters are available to answer any of your questions. Please fill out a welcome card in the back of the pew and put it in the offering basket, or give to any volunteer, staff, or vestry member.



ABOUT ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN

Services:

- Eucharist services: Sundays at 10:00am
- Morning & Evening Prayer Services:
Mon–Sat at 8:00am on Zoom
Daily at 9:15pm on Zoom.
- Sermons are available on our Website
- We also have small groups

Office Hours:

- Tues. & Thurs., 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Office is closed: Fri–Mon (and Holidays)

Serving St. Paul's: Email office@stpauls-anglican.ca

- Join a Ministry Team (Service Team, Music, Altar Guild, Sound/Video, etc.)

Giving to St. Paul's: One-Time or Recurring

- Giving can be done by Cash, Cheque, Automatic Debit/Credit, or E-Transfer to office@stpauls-anglican.ca
- We can also receive donations through our Website or the Tithely App.

PRAYER

For the Prayer Chain, email or phone:
prayer@stpauls-anglican.ca – 780-455-0771

For pastoral emergencies call:
(780) 446-3751

ACCESSIBILITY

We have accessible washrooms and lifts available for anyone who needs them. If you need help, please speak to a greeter.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE ☺



LARGE PRINT MATERIALS

Large print Bibles and BAS (Book of Alternative Services) are available at the main door.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES



Assisted Listening is available.
Please ask a greeter for assistance.



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Our Narrative Statement of Identity: We love to be together, persevere, and practice the ways of Jesus together. Even though we're at different places on our journey, we share a guiding story as given through the Bible, and we all look for Jesus in each other and in the world we live in. We share faith, we share music, we share differences, and above all we share God's love of us in Jesus. We all give, we all receive. We are a diverse family who laughs, cries, and prays together, and is learning how to love and care for each other. Our greatest ambition is to share this love with everyone around us – in our neighbourhoods and around the world.

The Service for Ash Wednesday

Celebrant: *(BAS pg. 281)* The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray. *Silent Prayer*
Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All: Amen.

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17: A Reading From The Book Of Joel

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-18

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgement.
6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10: A Reading From The Second Letter Of Paul To The Corinthians

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness

for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading:

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Matthew 5:1-12: Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: Rev. Eric Kregel

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Congregational Address

Celebrant: (pg. 281) Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by

remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God. Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silent Reflection

The Litany of Penitence

Celebrant: *(pg. 283) Most holy and merciful Father,*

People: *we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.*

Celebrant: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant: We confess to you, lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Celebrant: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant: For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
People: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
People: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Celebrant: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
People: **Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

The Imposition of the Ashes

Celebrant: (pg. 285) Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: **Amen.**

Receiving of Ashes

Celebrant: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation

All: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Celebrant: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

People: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Please join us for Eucharist each Sunday at 10:00am
or daily Morning & Evening Prayer at 8:00am and 9:15pm on Zoom
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