

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

*Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes. Psalm 119:135*



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
LONDON, ONTARIO | ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF HURON

SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

Please stand when clergy enter.

Opening Hymn *Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said*

BRESLAU
CP 431

*Lochamer Liederbuch
around 1450*

1. Take up your cross, the Sav-iour said, if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
5 De - ny your-self, the world for-sake, and hum-bly fol-low af - ter me.

- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart,
and nerve your arm.
- 3 Take up your cross,
nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
- 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
'twill guide you to a better home
and lead to victory o'er the grave.
- 5 Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

- Presider* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- People* **And also with you.**

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaran Peoples; the traditional lands of the Anishnaabe Peoples, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Lenni-Lanape Peoples; and the current communities of the Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

People **From many places and peoples we come to this time of prayer.**

Presider We uphold our common stewardship of creation and our common birthplace of God's earth.

People **We respect our place on this land and move forward in love and peace.**

Presider Almighty God,
People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Act of Praise

- 1 Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
Of Heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Re-ceive our prayer, grant us your peace within.
- 3 Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray. (silence)

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

“Children's Corner” – Children are welcome to join Heather in the Assembly Room.

Congregation be seated for the Proclamation of the Word.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

(Silence is observed between the readings and the homily for reflection.)

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah:

Reader: Trudy Warren

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. (Jeremiah 18:1-11)

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Organ

Your works are won - der - ful, O Lord.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do more than I say. *(Philemon 1-21)*

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

ALLELUIA NO. I
CP 405

Donald Fishel
1950 -

I. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ri - sen Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to his name.

Holy Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Reader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



Homily

The Venerable Sam Thomas

Please be seated

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Presider

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Catherinanne George

Leader

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need. I invite you to take a comfortable posture: standing or sitting for the Prayers of the People.

(A brief silence.)

We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose al that is life-giving and confront the forces of death.

God of grace,

People

receive our prayer.

Leader

We pray for creation, that It may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. God of grace,

People

receive our prayer.

Leader

We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good.

God of grace,

People

receive our prayer.

Leader

We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely especially Ann & Ellis, Marg, George, Trudy, Sharon, Carol, Harvey & Family, Leigh, Sue, Roland, Patricia, Kevin. May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world. God of grace,

People

receive our prayer.

Leader

We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and faith. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support of one another. We pray that our sharing of faith may transform lives. God of grace,

People

receive our prayer.

Leader

We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints. Surround them with your divine mercy, that they find peace and rest in your loving embrace.

God of grace,

People

receive our prayer.

Leader

Gracious God, we lift up the community of St. Paul’s, clergy and all ministry leaders entrusted with holy work. May Your Holy Spirit guide them in faithfulness, that all who enters this sacred space may encounter the redeeming love of Christ Jesus. Let our witness extend beyond these walls, bearing Your light to the world. God of grace,

People

receive our prayer.

Leader We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace Please stand

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn *O Lord, You Search Me and You Know Me*

YOU SEARCH ME
CP --

Bernadette Farrell
b. 1957

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a measure rest for 4 measures, then the lyrics 'I. O God, you search me and you know me'. The second staff begins with a measure rest for 4 measures, then the lyrics 'All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.'. The third staff begins with a measure rest for 4 measures, then the lyrics 'When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:'. The fourth staff begins with a measure rest for 4 measures, then the lyrics 'E - ver the ma - ker and kee - per of my days.'.

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| 2 | You know my resting and my rising
You discern my purpose from afar
And with love everlasting,
you besiege me
In ev'ry moment of life or death,
you are. | 3 | Before a word is on my tongue, Lord
You have known its meaning
through and through
You are with me beyond my
understanding
God of my present,
my past and future, too. |
| 4 | Although your Spirit is upon me
Still I search for shelter from your light
There is nowhere on Earth
I can escape you
Even the darkness is radiant
in your sight. | 5 | For you created me and shaped me
Gave me life within my mother's womb
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you
Safe in your hands,
all creation is made new. |

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up.**
Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Thames River blends and flows, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with archangels and ancestors, eagle and bear, salmon and sheep, pine and trillium, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song of Your praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Mass of the Angels and Saints*, Steven R. Janco, © 1996, GIA Publications, Inc.

Presider We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

Community Mass
CP 734

Richard Proulx
1937-2010

People

Organ:

All sing:

A - men, A - men, A - men.

Lord's Prayer

Presider:

Priest: As our Sa-viour taught us, let us pray:

4

All

Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal-lowed be your name, your king - dom come,

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your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.

9

For-give us our sins As we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.

11

Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.

13

For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Agnus Dei from the Deutsche Messe

DEUTSCHE MESSE
CP 747

Franz Schubert
1797-1828

Organ:

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bea - rer of our sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dee - mer, re -

dee - mer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

Communion Anthem God is My Shepherd No. 4 from 10 Bibilcal Songs Anton Dvorak (1841 - 1904)

God is my shepherd I want for nothing.
My rest is in the pleasant meadows,
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow!
My fainting soul doth he restore,
and guideth me in the ways of peace to glorify his name.
And though in death's dark valley, my steps must wander
My spirit shall not fear, for thou art by me still:
Thy rod and staff are with me and they shall comfort me.

Prayer after Communion (silence is kept) Please stand

Presider Let us pray.
Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have
shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus
Christ the Lord.
People Amen.

Doxology

Presider Glory to God,
All 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.

Closing Announcements and Blessing

Post Communion Hymn The Love of Jesus Calls Us

AURELIA
CP 434

Samuel Sebastian Wesley
1810 - 1876



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The love of Jesus calls us
to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits,
to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us,
that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom,
Christ opens every door.
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The love of Jesus calls us
in swiftly changing days,
to be God’s co-creators
in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women
may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice
may give God’s kingdom birth.

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata (from the *Fantasia and Toccata in D Minor*)
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 - 1924)

Notes for the Postlude:

Few people outside of church musicians have heard of Stanford - yet, he was one of the most influential composers and composition teachers of the 19th century. Born Irish, he was Director of Music at Trinity College, Cambridge for 18 years (1874-1892), during which time he famously raised the standard of the choir. He went on to become Professor of Composition at The Royal College of Music, London, UK where he taught many notable names: Gustav Holst, Ralph Vaughan-Williams, Rebecca Clarke, Herbert Howells, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and John Ireland amongst others. Few can boast so many great names to their student list.

Stanford studied himself in Leipzig, lapping up the Germanic influence of strict form and solid harmony. He wrote a large amount of church music and his services for choir (which often included settings for all three offices on Sunday (Mattins, Eucharist and Evensong)) continue as much loved staple repertoire for choirs around the world. He also had an enduring friendship with Dvorak (composer of the communion anthem) and encouraged Cambridge University to confirm him with an honorary doctorate.

The Toccata is a fast moving and stormy piece, heavily influenced by the trio sonatas of J. S. Bach. An opening section, that begins with the introduction of the theme on the pedals, leads to the first trio (between the two hands and the pedals). Different sections explore different ideas (some with just three fast moving parts) before we arrive at the final page with a long pedal note on the dominant, and an exciting build up in the hands: the frantic energy movement ends in a series of harmonic progressions that lead us to the close - the clouds clear and the sun comes out in a blaze of D major.

Coffee Hour
After the service please join us for coffee and cold drinks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the Parishes of St. George’s, Owen Sound; Parish of the Saugeen Shores – St. John’s, Port Elgin, St. Paul’s, Southampton, Christ Church, Tara; Parish of the Blue Mountains – St. George’s, Clarksburg.

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist will resume on Wednesday, September 3 at noon and the bible study, eucharist and soup will begin on September 10th.

Memorial Flowers – This is a wonderful way to beautify our Church, while remembering our loved ones. There are available Sundays for all Altars, especially during the summer months. For more information please contact Carrie Fieldhouse at 519-434-3225, ext. 201 st.pauls@stpaulscathedral.on.ca.

Presenting the Tuesday Concert Series at St. Paul's.
We are delighted to announce the return of our popular concert series, now on **Tuesdays at 12:15 PM.** (Moved back from Thursday by popular demand).

This season begins on **October 7th** with an extraordinary performance by **Michael Bloss**, one of Canada's finest organists. Ahead of his upcoming recording, Mr. Bloss will perform the stirring, romantic music of French composer **César Franck**.

This series offers a weekly dose of musical inspiration, featuring a diverse lineup of organists, instrumentalists, and vocalists. The series concludes on **November 25th**.

As a gesture of our gratitude for your support, a complimentary lunch will be provided. Feel free to enjoy your meal with us or take it with you.

Experience the majesty of live music and enjoy a free lunch every Tuesday!



Once again, we have been selected to host Doors Open which will be held on September 20th and 21st, 2025. This year's theme is **Sights, Sounds, & Stories that Make Our City**. Heritage buildings are encouraged to show how their spaces have been repurposed. We will be open from 10am to 2pm on Saturday and 11:30am to 4pm on Sunday. If you would like to participate in some way, please contact Deacon Pat Henderson who is looking for volunteers. Thank you.

Ever wondered what makes the organ the "King of Instruments?"

During Doors Open, September 21 & 22 @ 1pm, join Director of Music, Laurence Williams, for an interactive journey behind the scenes of our magnificent organ. This isn't just a concert-it's a chance to demystify the organ and learn about its hidden powers.

- Discover the secrets of the pipes and stops.
- Find out why an organist needs multiple keyboards, pedals and special shoes from a ballet shop.
- Experience the incredible range of sounds, from a whisper to a roar.

All of this will be woven into a performance of some of the most beautiful and exciting organ music ever written. It's a fun and fascinating event for all ages - lasting just under an hour.

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Today's Liturgical Leaders

Presider & Preacher – **The Venerable Sam Thomas**
Gospeller – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**
Organist & Director of Music – **Laurence Williams**
Associate Organist – **Olakunle Aoko**
Servers – **Stephanie Allen, Doug Campbell, Tristan Fair**
Lay Administrants – **Doug Campbell, Carolyn Doyle**
Greeters – **Marilyn Papple, Hazil Malone**
Live Stream – **Olakunle Aoko**
Welcome Ministers – **Elyshia John, Alexander John**
Children's Ministry – **Heather Clark**
Warden – **Gord Rolleston**

The Right Reverend Todd Townshend
Bishop of Huron
The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George
Dean of Huron & Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral
The Venerable Sam Thomas
Senior Associate Priest/Director of Pastoral Care
The Reverend Dr. Dawn Davis
Director of Faith Formation
The Reverend Pat Henderson
Deacon
The Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty
Honorary Assistant Emeritus
The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls
Honorary Assistant

The Reverend Dr. Joshua Samuel
Resident Theologian
Laurence Williams
Organist & Director of Music
Gord Rolleston
Church Warden
Jim Ferguson
Church Warden
Doreen Kyomugisha
Deputy Church Warden
Heather Clark
Children's Ministry
Carrie Fieldhouse
Parish Coordinator

