



VESPERS **on the Eve of the Commemoration of** **Paulinus, 1st Bishop of York** **644**

2025 October 9

As members of a parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional and unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth, and Tsawwassen nations.

The Preparation

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Paulinus was a Roman monk who was made a bishop in the year 625 and sent to the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Northumbria, where he settled at York and ministered to the few Christians at the court of King Edwin. The pagan king engaged Paulinus in long private discussions about the Christian faith and eventually called a council of his nobles to debate whether he should accept Paulinus's religion. One of them answered in the classic tones of the Anglo-Saxon heritage and said: "This, O King, is how the present life of man appears to me in comparison with that time which is unknown. You are sitting feasting with your nobles in winter time; the fire is burning on the hearth in the middle of the hall and all inside is warm, while outside the wintry storms of rain and snow are raging; and a sparrow flies swiftly through the hall. It enters in at one door and quickly flies out through the other. For the few moments it is inside, the storm and wintry tempest cannot touch it, but after the briefest moment of calm it flits from your sight, out of the wintry storm and into it again. So this life of man appears but a moment; what follows or indeed what went before, we know not at all. If this new doctrine brings us more certain information, it seems right that we should accept it." The council decided that Edwin would do right to become a Christian; and

The Preparation (Cont'd)

on Easter Day, 627, Paulinus baptized him. Many Northumbrian noblemen followed their king's example, and Paulinus was able to extend his mission beyond York, founding churches as far south as Lincoln. But his work suffered a terrific setback when Edwin was killed in battle with the pagan Mercians, who then ravaged the Northumbrian church. Paulinus decided to quit northern England and return to Kent, where he was made bishop of Rochester and devoted himself to his flock until his death in the year 644.

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Anglican Church of Canada

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O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the Sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.

Act of Praise

Spirit of the Living God
Common Praise #647

Cantor (or Officiant)

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing -
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me -
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

The Psalm

Psalm 27: 1 - 6

Psalmist

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

**the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.**

Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life;**

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

The Psalm Prayer

Faithful God, the shelter of all who hope in you, may those who seek your face be set free from fear and distress, and come to see your goodness in the land of the living; through Jesus Christ, our Light and our Salvation.

Amen.

The Reading

Matthew 5: 14 - 16

Reader

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven.

Response

*After a brief period of reflection
the Reader says:*

Blessed are the meek for they shall
inherit the Earth.

Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith

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Let us affirm our Faith as we recite the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

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Friends in Christ,
God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbours as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world, responding to the bidding “God of Love” with “Hear our Prayers”.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury Designate, the Rt. Revd. and Rt. Hon. Dame Sarah Mullaly; and for the Diocese of Panyana -Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, the Rt. Revd. Seme Nigo Abinda, Bishop. God of Love, **Hear our Prayers.**

In the Anglican - Lutheran - Moravian cycle, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia; The dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod; and we remember missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people and their families, and pray for an end to gender-based violence. God of Love, **Hear our Prayers.**

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings (Cont'd)

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In our Diocese of New Westminster, we pray Shane, our Primate; John, our Archbishop; Stephanie, our priest; and for St. Oswald, Port Kells – The Revd. Tim Morgan; The Archdeaconry of Fraser - The Venerable Luisito Engnan, Regional Archdeacon. God of Love, **Hear our Prayers.**

In this parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for Bishop Benny and the people of Northern Philippines; our sister parish of St. Gabriel, the Archangel in Lubon; for spiritual formation in the parish: Women's Prayer Group, Trinity Tuesdays, Wednesday Bible Study, Thursday Vespers, Saturday Crafternoons, and upcoming parish opportunities. God of Love, **Hear our Prayers.**

Hear our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. **Amen.**

The Collect

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Almighty God,
you sent your holy servant Paulinus to preach the
gospel of peace in a kingdom of warriors, that those
who feared the darkness of their fate might know the
living splendour of your light. Grant us, after his
example, so to manifest our adoption as your children
that we may succour the hopeless and bring peace to
war-filled hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is
alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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Believing in the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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

The Sending Forth

Deacon (or Officiant)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.