THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: THE REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the Kingdom of our father David that is coming! Mark 11:9, 10



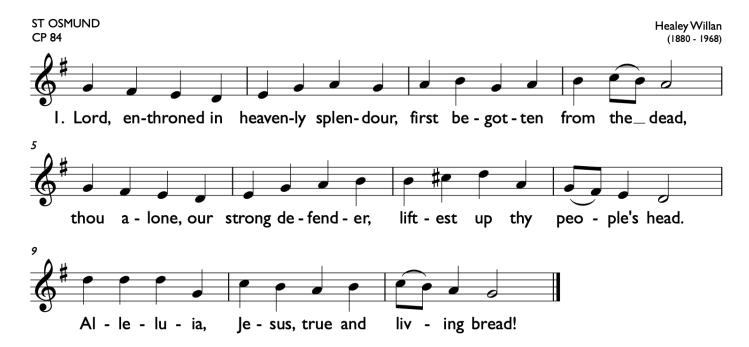




SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

Please stand when clergy and choir enter.

Opening Hymn Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour



- 2 Here our humblest homage pay we; here in loving reverence bow; here for faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 Alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.
- 3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine angels hail thee, branch and glower of Jesse's stem. Alleluia, we in worship join with them.
- 4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished once for all when thou wast slain, in its fullness undiminished shall for evermore remain, alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.
- 5 Life-imparting
 heavenly Manna,
 stricken Rock with streaming side,
 heaven and earth with loud hosanna
 worship thee, the Lamb who died,
 alleluia,
 risen, ascended, glorified!

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

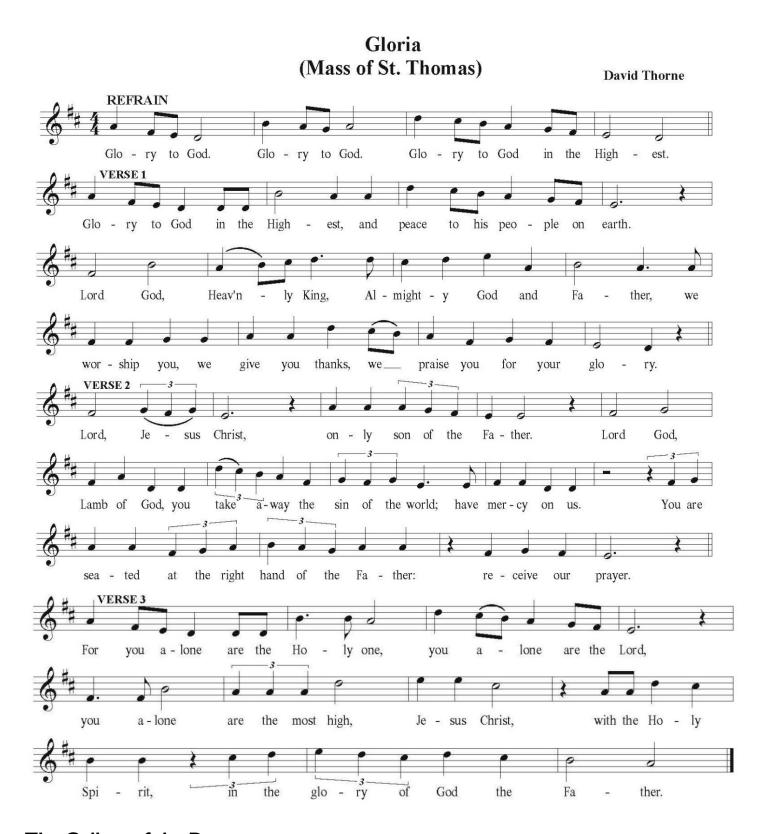
peace.

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.



The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray. (silence)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives 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: Mary Ann McDowell

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." (Jeremiah 23:1-6)

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

Canticle: Benedictus

Setting in C by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel:

for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us:

in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets:

which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies:

and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers:

and to remember his holy Covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham:

that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies:

might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him:

all the days of our life.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:

for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people:

for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God:

whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end, Amen.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians: Reader: Allan Nagata

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. (Colossians 1:11-20)

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



Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: Blessed is the Kingdom of our father David that is to come.

Holy Gospel Luke 23:33-43

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.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Homily The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls 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 Tina George

Leader Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are 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 in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who

tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety.

Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth.

Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in

body or spirit, or sick, especially, Ann & Ellis, Marg, George, Kevin, Stanley, Ruth, Phyllis, Fabian, Jill, Leeanne, Ethan, Patricia, Sophia, Carolyn. Comfort all

in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and

sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all are valued and

experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

Leader We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully

until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

People Your mercy is great.

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 us in faithfulness, that all who enter 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 Your mercy is great.

Leader We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and

unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

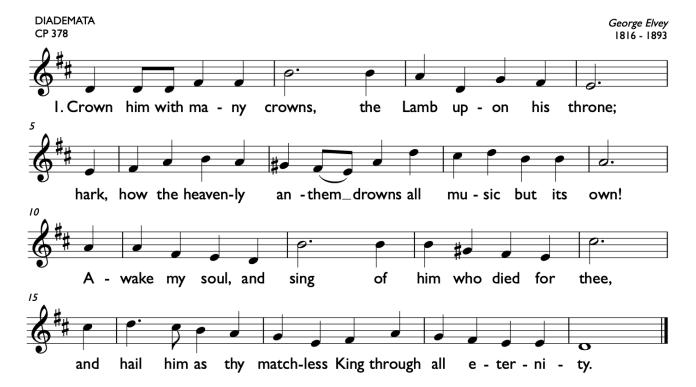
People Amen.

The Peace Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns



2 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

- 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ

in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus

Christ the Lord.

People Amen.

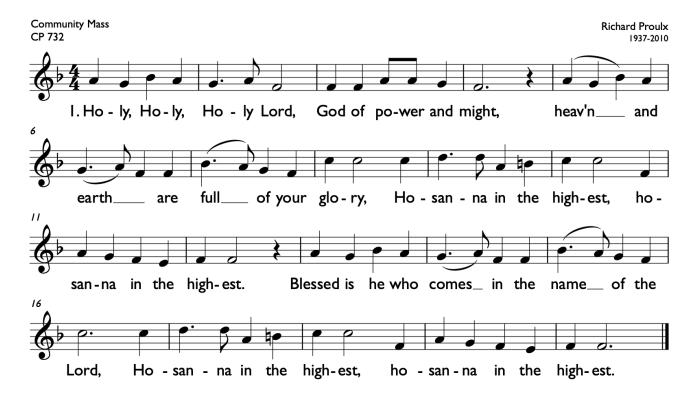
The Great Thanksgiving



Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.



Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

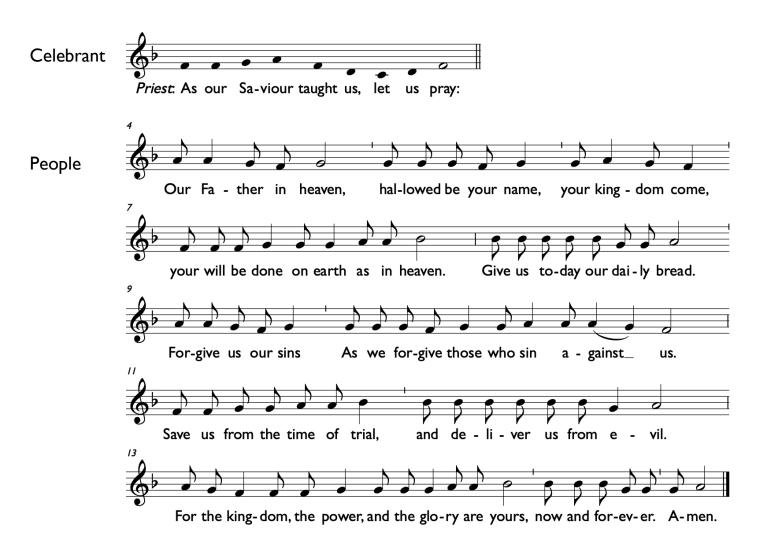
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.





Lord's Prayer (next page)



The choir will sing the **Agnus Dei** from the *Missa O Quam Gloriosum* (1572) Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548 - 1611)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: Miserere nobis / Dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us / Grant us peace.

The Communion

Celebrant 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

See, see the word is incarnate Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) See, the Word is incarnate; God is made man in the womb of a Virgin. Shepherds rejoice, wise men adore and angels sing: 'Glory be to God on high: peace on earth, good will towards men'.

The law is cancelled, Jews and Gentiles converted by the preaching of glad tidings of salvation. The blind have sight and cripples have their motion; diseases cured, the dead are raised, and miracles are wrought. Let us welcome such a guest with Hosanna.

The Paschal Lamb is offered, Christ Jesus made a sacrifice for sin. The earth quakes, the sun is darkened, the powers of hell are shaken; and lo, he is risen up in victory.

Sing Alleluia.

See, O see the fresh wounds, the gored blood, the prick of thorns, the print of nails.

And in the sight of multitudes a glorious ascension.

When now he sits on God's right hand where all the choir of heaven all jointly sing:
Glory be to the Lamb that sitteth on the throne.
Let us continue our wonted note with Hosanna:
Blessed be He that cometh in the Name of the Lord; with Alleluia, we triumph in victory, the serpent's head is bruised, Christ's kingdom exalted, and heaven laid open to sinners.
Amen.

Communion Hymn The Son of God Proclaim



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- 2 Behold his outstretched hands; though all was in his power, he took the towel and basin then, and serves us in this hour.
- 4 The Lord of life and death with wondering praise we sing; we break the bread at his command, and name him God and King.
- He, God's creative Word, the church's Lord and head, here bids us gather as his friends, and share his wine and bread.
- We take this cu in hope: for he, who gladly bore the shameful cross, is risen again, and reigns for evermore.

Prayer after Communion (silence is kept)

Please stand

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People Amen.

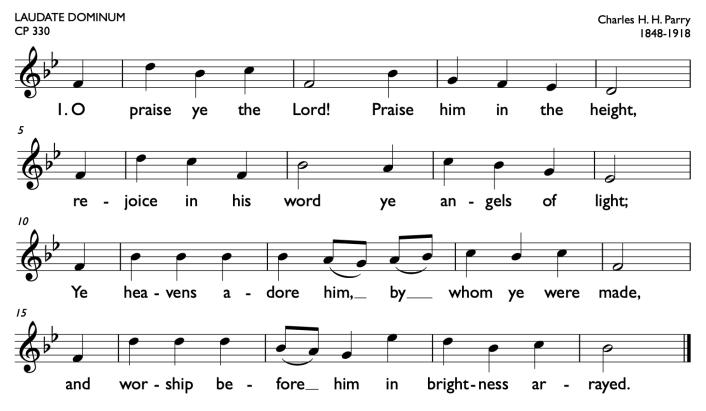
Doxology

Celebrant 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 O Praise Ye the Lord



- O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth; in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth; praise God who hath brought you all grace from above, praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.
- O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone, and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.
- O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song be ever outpoured all ages along; for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord! Amen, Amen!

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 Overture to The Occasional Oratorio

George F. Handel (1685 - 1756)

Arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Notes for the Postlude:

The Occasional Oratorio is one of Handel's more unusual works. Written hastily in 1746, the piece was intended as a defiant and patriotic piece in the midst of the Jacobite rising of 1745-6, when the Scots had reached over halfway down England, before being pushed back up to the border before the Winter of 1745.

Due to the hasty writing, the 3-hour work is a loose collection of movements Handel borrowed from other self-authored works, alongside new movements, of which, the Overture is particularly charming.

Written in the typical French style, the piece opens with stately dotted 8th notes, creating an atmosphere of pomp and ceremony. This yields to a fugue, although this is far looser in form than the strict fugues of J.S. Bach, not least due to a very short subject. The return of the theme is less an opportunity to show mastery at counterpoint, but more in the way Vivaldi writes his concertos, as a binding element across the piece, reappearing at regular intervals. Long runs in the right hand (would have been violins) create excitement towards each return of the subject.

This is late Handel, and it is fascinating to see how he abandons the strictness of contrapuntal writing to create music that excites and creates anticipation for an audience.

When the work was performed, the Scots had not yet been defeated, leading author Charles Jennings (Librettist of The Messiah) to write of the piece that it is: "a triumph for a victory not yet gained"!

Coffee Hour

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our TBD

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the Parishes of St. Paul's, Essex; Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville; St. Andrew's, LaSalle; and St. John the Evangelist, Leamington.

Bible Study and Soup – Wednesdays @ I I am will commence on January 7, 2026.

Volunteer for Wednesday Chorister Choir Practice

We are in need of a volunteer (rota of volunteers) to supervise choir practice with our younger choristers on Wednesdays from $4:20-5:35 \,\mathrm{pm}$. You will need to undergo a police check. The role simply involves sitting in rehearsal to comply with Safe Church policies. You can bring a book or do work. Please see Laurence if you are able to help with this vital work or email him at lwilliams@stpaulscathedral.on.ca.

Lunchtime Live! Continues Tuesdays at 12:15 PM.

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 well as free entry, a complimentary lunch will be provided. Feel free to enjoy your meal with us or take it with you. Please invite your friends.

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

Advent Carol Service November 30th @ 4pm

Celebrate the emergence of light and its universal message of hope at this service of readings and carols.

Our choir will deliver an exquisite selection of music, from soaring hymns to intricate choral arrangements.



Our Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 29 from 9:00am until I:00pm. CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!

Our annual Christmas Bazaar is fast approaching. The ACW are asking all our St. Paul's family to help make our Bazaar a great success again this year. Here is a list of some of the things that we could use and would really appreciate your donations:

- New unopened bottles & jars for Toonie Table e.g. pop, water, any condiment bottles or jars and of course wine; Once again we want to add wrapped parcels that will go for a toonie as well. We need donations of mitts, torques, scarves socks, any kitchen items, napkins Christmas and others etc. a lot of things can come from dollar store or your own cupboards. All wrapped but not labeled.
- Homemade goodies, cookies, cakes, candy, fudge etc.
- Gently used Christmas decorations.
- Gently used Christmas sweaters and tops with lots of bling (ladies, men, children);
- Fall/Winter jewellery in good condition & evening clutch purses.
- Hand made items e.g. Christmas crafts, stocking stuffers, aprons, crocheted items.
- Toys, games in excellent condition.
- Good quality items for treasure table e.g. Silver, crystal.

*We would appreciate any new items or gift cards etc. for the Silent Auction Table.

Please keep in mind that this is *not a rummage sale* and donate with Christmas in mind. Except for baked goods, your donations can be brought to the church starting Monday, November 24th through to Friday, Nov. 28th. Jewellery can be given to Florence Perkes and Kim Chalk anytime. Please contact Gayle or Judy if you need more information.

Today's Liturgical Leaders

Celebrant – The Venerable Sam Thomas
Preacher – The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls
Gospeller – The Reverend Pat Henderson
Organist & Director of Music – Laurence Williams
Associate Organist – Olakunle Aoko
Servers – Stephanie Allen, Tristian Fair, Victor Onebunne
Lay Administrants – Bette Ferguson, Marilyn Freeman
Greeters – Jean Willadsen, Lois Gosney
Welcome Ministers – Elyshia John, Benita Onebunne
Bell Ringer – Murray Hunter
Live Stream – Jade Vajna
Children's Ministry – Heather Clark
Warden – Gord Rolleston



Paul's Place is seeking donations of

- shampoo and conditioner
- •bar soap or body wash
- toothpaste and toothbrush
- dental floss
- •hand cream
- •lip balm
- •pocket-sized Kleenex
- disposable wipes

Travel sizes of items are preferred. Paul's Place is hoping to include two items in each gift bag, up to 250 gift bags. Donations accepted at St. Paul's until December 16 (although the sooner, the better). For more information, please contact Heather: 226-456-5165

A Labyrinth Quiet Time - an opportunity for stillness in a busy season.

Come and join others as we listen to scripture and contemporary readings and walk the labyrinth.

This is a three-part Advent program but each week is self-contained so there is no need to attend all three if this not possible for you.

Week One: Monday December 1, 10-11am. A study of both light and darkness in both scripture and contemporary writings.

Week Two: Monday December 8, 10-11 am. Waiting is the hardest part! Learning to wait with purpose. "Wait for the Lord. Be strong, take heart."

Week Three: Monday December 15, 10-11am. Some thoughts about Mary and Joseph and their own walk into a yes to God.

Followed by coffee and tea and goodies.



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

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Church Warden

Jim Ferguson

Church Warden

Doreen Kyomugisha

Deputy Church Warden

Heather Clark

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