



ST. PAUL'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Connecting people with God and each other

*Christmas Day
Service of Holy Eucharist
December 25, 2025, 10:00am*

*I bring you good news of a great joy which
will come to all the people; for to you is born
this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.
(Luke 2:10-11)*



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 at 9:00am–12:00pm
- Office is closed: Fri–Mon (and Holidays)

PRAYER

For the or 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 ☺

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 with 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.



LARGE PRINT MATERIALS

Large print Bibles and BAS (Book of Alternative Services) are available at each 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.

Introductory Responses

Leader: (pg. 96) Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God, you were before time began and came into the world to save us. Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness; you shine with the Father's love and illumine the whole universe. Blessed are you, Son of Mary; born a child, you shared our humanity.



People: **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Leader: Blessed are you, Son of David; born to rule, you received gifts from the wise men. Blessed are you, Son of Man; baptized by John, you saved us from ourselves. Blessed are you, heavenly King; teaching and preaching, healing and comforting, you proclaimed the kingdom.

People: **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Leader: With all the voices of heaven we celebrate the coming of our Saviour.

People: **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Leader: With all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at his birth.

People: **Praise and honour and glory to you, O Lord most high.**

Opening Song: O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

(Chorus) O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all, glory in the highest (Ch.)
Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing (To Ch.)

The Gathering of the Community

Leader: (BAS pg. 185) 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.**

Leader: Almighty God,

All: **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.**

Leader: (pg. 275) Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word (← *Click to read online*)

Isaiah 52:7-10 (pg. 523 in the red pew Bible)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices; together they shout for joy, for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth; shout together for joy, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 98 (Sung)

Refrain:



Break forth to-gether in sing-ing! — The Lord is come!

Sing to the Lord a new song,
For he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
Has he won for himself the victory. **Refrain.**

The LORD has made known his victory;
His righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **Refrain.**

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
Lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.
Sing to the LORD with the harp,
With the harp and the voice of song. **Refrain.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
Shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
The lands and those who dwell therein. **Refrain.**

Let the rivers clap their hands;
And let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
And the peoples with equity. **Refrain.**

Hebrews 1:1-4 (pg. 846 in the red pew Bible)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint

of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Proclamation: Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia,

Christ the saviour of the world, He has come To the highest name of all, Alleluia.

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 John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14 (pg. 750 in the red pew Bible)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Through Song

Light Has Come

What a wonder, God is moving
All around us, lift your eyes
In the darkness of this weary world
Hope is starting to rise

(Chorus) God is with us, behold His Son
Dawn of glory, light has come

From the midnight of our waiting
Heaven's highest enters in

O the splendor of the Promised One
Born in Bethlehem

(Bridge) Hallelujah, gloria
Hallelujah, gloria

He is Alpha and Omega
King of kings and Prince of Peace
Tender Shepherd Holy Lamb of God
Love come to redeem *(To Br. 2x, then Ch.)*

Peace Has Come

Behold the star of Bethlehem
The Word of God has become flesh
Unto us a child is born
The Saviour of this broken world

(Chorus 1) O hear the angel voices sing
Come let us adore Him
Peace has come, for our King is with us

Fully God and fully man
He comes for all with open hands

He rules with love on David's throne
All praise belongs to Christ alone *(To Ch. 1)*

(Chorus 2) Holy, holy, holy
Jesus we adore Thee
Peace has come, for our King is with us

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord *(Repeat, then to To Ch. 1)*

Listening Time

Homily: David Heritage

(A page for notes is available separately)

Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed

Celebrant: *(pg. 188)* 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 the People

Leader: *(pg. 120)* In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace." By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Leader: *(pg. 191)* 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.

Silent Confession

Leader: 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.

Leader: Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: *(pg. 192)* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory: *Angels From The Realms Of Glory*

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

(Chorus) Come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night

God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light *(To Ch.)*

Sages leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations
Ye have seen His natal star *(To Ch.)*

All creation join in praising
God the Father Spirit Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One *(To Ch.)*

The Prayer over the Gifts

Leader: *(pg. 275)* God of peace,

**All: your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today
renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *(pg. 198)* The Lord be with you.

(Eucharistic Prayer #3)

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: *(pg. 219)* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore, with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: *(Sung)* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of
Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: *(pg. 198)* 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.

Leader: *(pg. 211)* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray as we sing,

All: *(Sung)* 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. 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 for ever. Amen.

Leader: *(pg. 213)* We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Leader: These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

You are welcome to receive communion or come forward for a blessing. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Receiving only one kind includes the fullness of the sacrament. You may also receive prayer in the Chapel during this time.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

(Sung) O, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

O, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

O, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Communion Music

Hope Has Come (Behold Him)

Starry night, a newborn King

Hark the herald, angels singing

Holy, holy

Humble in a manger lay

The Godhead three in one displayed

His glory, glory

(Chorus) Behold Him, come and behold Him

Joy to the world a hope is given

He is the Son of Heaven, Behold

Light and life to all He brings

Everlasting Prince of Peace

Forever and ever

Hope has come now here to dwell

The Advent of Emmanuel

Messiah, Messiah

(Ch. 2) Behold Him, come and behold Him
Joy to the world a hope is given
Adore Him, come and adore Him
For unto us a Savior's given
He is the Son of Heaven, Behold

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice
Tidings of comfort & joy *(Repeat 2x)*
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, rejoice *(To Ch. 2)*

Hope Of Israel

In Bethlehem one holy night
A host of angels filled the sky
They sang to tell the world who waits
Our Savior comes this Christmas Day

The wise men traveled from afar
They followed close a shining star
With costly gifts before Him lay
Our King was born this Christmas Day *(Ch.)*

(Chorus) God is with us, Christ our Savior
Jesus our Emmanuel
He shall reign, our King forever
The hope of Israel

Peace on earth goodwill to men
Let violence and all hatred end
For born to us the Prince of Peace
This Christmas Day our song shall be *(Ch.)*

Prayers After Communion

Leader: *(pg. 276)* Father of all,

All: **the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.**

Leader: *(pg. 214)* 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 Song: Joy To The World

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

No more let sin and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Dismissal

Leader: (pg. 215) Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All: Thanks be to God!

St. Paul's Clergy and Staff wish you a very Merry Christmas!



May you see the GOD of **HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE** at work in your neighborhoods and communities this Christmas season!

God's blessing to you and your families!



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