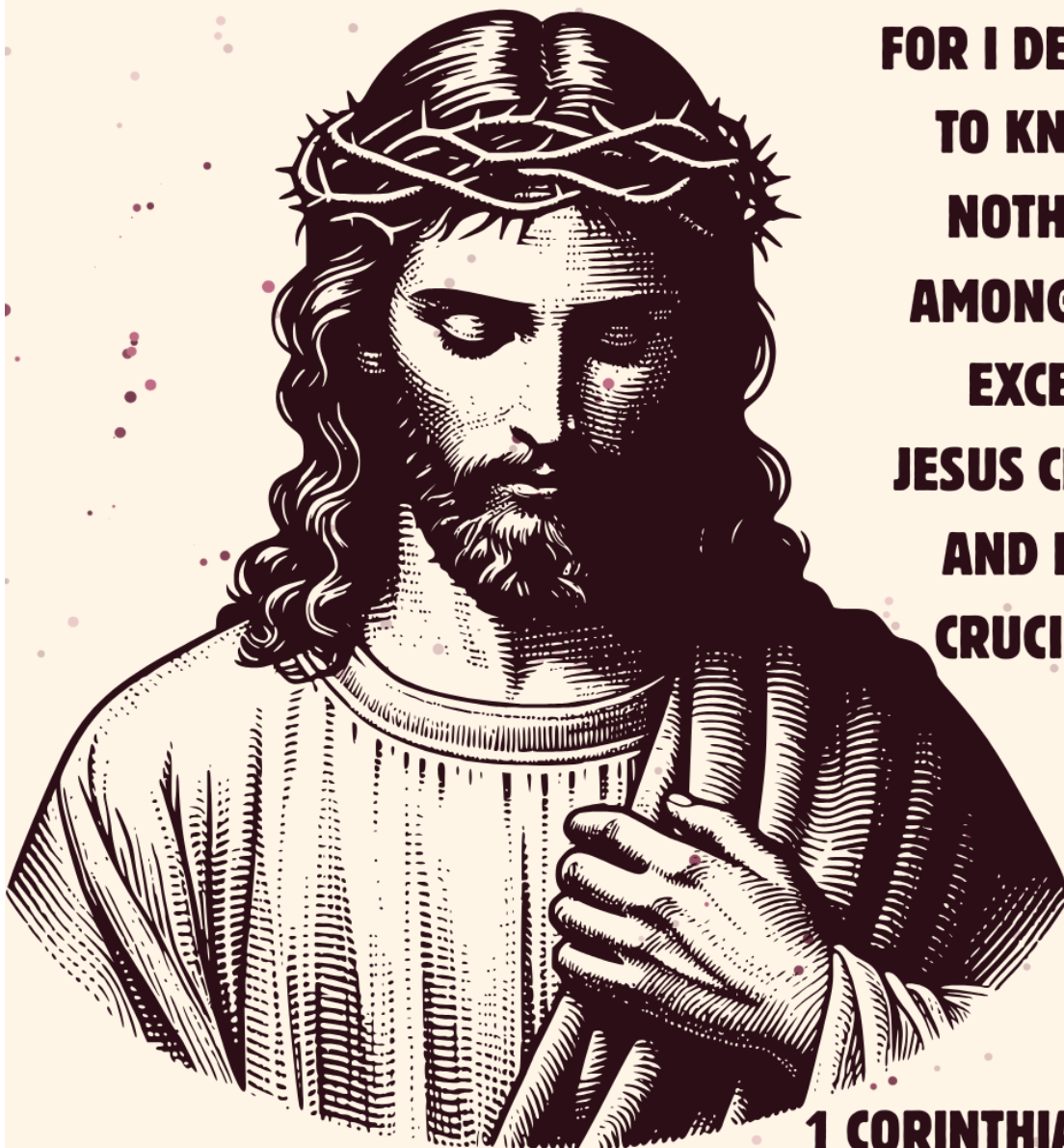




Order of Service for February 8, 2026
5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling
Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



St. Paul's
Anglican Church
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace



**FOR I DECIDED
TO KNOW
NOTHING
AMONG YOU
EXCEPT
JESUS CHRIST,
AND HIM
CRUCIFIED**

1 CORINTHIANS 2:2

The Gathering of the Community

Pre-service Music Be Unto Your Name (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the service)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn: CP # 162
Sing of God Made Manifest
(screens)

Greeting: p. 151 (Book of Alternative Services - green book)
(screens)

Collect of the Day ... p. 353
(screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that

practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be

your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalms 112:1-9 (10) ... p. 860
(screens)

The Epistle Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" -

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: CP # 645 Come Down, O Love Divine (screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

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

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 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. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the

prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:13-20

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Homily

Presentation and Examination
...p.153 (screens)

Prayers for the Candidates ...
p. 155 (screens)

The Celebration of Baptism ...
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The Baptismal Covenant ...
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The Giving of Light ... p. 160
(screens)

The Peace: p. 192 (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP # 408 Wind
Upon the Waters-(screens)

Prayer over the Gifts ... p. 354
(screens)

Eucharistic Prayer #3 ... p. 198
(screens)

Proper preface of the Lord's Day
1... p. 218 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer, Form 1 p. 211
(screens)

The Breaking of the Bread,
Form 1 p. 212 (screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

The Communion ... p. 213
(screens)

Communion Hymns: (screens)

CP # 541 As Longs the Hart
CP # 637 Come Holy Ghost, Our
Souls Inspire
CP # 465 Here in this Place New
Light is Streaming

Hymn After Communion: Here I
am Lord-(screens)

Prayer after Communion ... p.
354 (screens)

Doxology ... p. 214 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn: CP # 460 Lord the
Light of Your Love is Shining
(screens)

Sending (screen)

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.

Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***The Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***the dean, council, and congregations of the Two Rivers, Nith Valley and Niagara Areas of the Eastern Synod***. In the Moravian Church we pray for ***the people and ministries of Heimtal Moravian Church in Leduc County, AB***. Together: ***For a growing openness to dialogue and encounter with people of other faith traditions during World Interfaith Harmony Week***.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***St. Peter, Calgary and their clergy, The Rev. Bonnie Luft, The Rev. Rob Petkau and The Rev. Dcn. Rosemary Bishop***.

We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands. We pray for ***Christ-the-King with St. Francis, Carriacou (carry-a-koo) on Grenada and their Incumbent The Ven. Michael Marshall***. We also pray for ***Holy Trinity, Castries with St. Mary La Caye, on St. Lucia and their clergy The Ven. Christian Glasgow and the The Rev. Dcn. Oneka Morgan***.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, Cyril Haynes, Sean Devlin, Garry MacDowall and their families.

We pray for the special child our Parish sponsors through Children Believe.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Bob & Joanne; Michael; Scott; Kerin; Obiageli Gloria.

We thank you for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. **We stand in** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory
of our Risen Lord.*