

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

***Sunday, February 15, 2026***

***Transfiguration Sunday: Last Sunday after the  
Epiphany***

***10:00 a.m. Holy Communion***



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### **Welcome and Announcements**

*Children and youth head directly to the Parish Hall upon arrival.*

### **Processional: Days of Elijah**

### **Call to Worship**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All: And also, with you.**

Priest: There is one body and one Spirit,

**All: There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Priest: One Lord, one faith, one baptism

All:        **One God and Father of all.**

**Collect of the Day (*together*)**

Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful of your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

**We Hear God's Word**

*God invites us to hear His word.*

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

*Reader:        Jan Couto*

*After the reading, the reader says:*

Reader:        *The word of the Lord*

**All:            Thanks be to God**

**Gospel:        Matthew 22:34-40**

*Reader:        Nyla Ashley*

Reader:        The Lord be with you

**All:            And also, with you**

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

**All:            Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*After the reading, the reader says:*

The Reader:    The Gospel of Christ

**All:            Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon:        Clare Masson**

**THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION  
OF THE CANDIDATES**

*The infant candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.*

**Sponsors: I present (name of child) to receive the sacrament of Baptism.**

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of Christian community?

**Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child grow into the full stature of Christ:

**Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.**

*Adult candidates are presented as follows:*

Priest: Do you desire to be baptized?

**Candidate: I do.**

*Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and sponsors who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.*

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

**Answer: I do.**

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer: I do.**

Question: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

**Answer: I do.**

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**All: We will.**

Priest: Let us now pray for those who are to receive the sacrament of new life.

## **The Intercessions:**

*Led by Margaret Wells*

Leader: Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory, who lives and reigns now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Sunday School children join us to witness the baptism.*

## **Hymn: 10,000 Reasons**

### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent, and turn to the Lord?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, And respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

*The candidates are baptized. After the baptism the priest says the following:*

Priest: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an

inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy  
and wonder in all your works. **AMEN.**

## **THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT**

Priest: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**All: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith  
of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

**All: And also, with you!**

## **Offertory: Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)**

### **Celebration of the Eucharist**

*God invites us to join Him at the table of the Lord.*

*Prayer and anointing are available every Sunday in the lobby during communion.*

Welsh Rite

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also, with you**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic prayer....

**The Lord's Prayer (Said)**

**Breaking of the Bread**

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All:** We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Communion Hymns:

**1. Table of Grace**

**2. Faithful**

**3. Lord I Need You**

## **Prayer after Communion:**

Priest: 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 Blessing**

*God sends us into the world, under His blessing.*

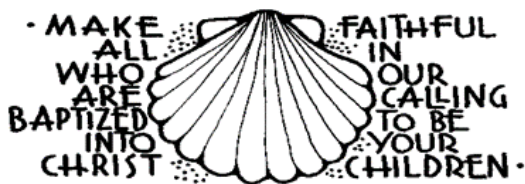
## **Recessional: All the People Said Amen**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Stewarding our Time**

Stewarding our time faithfully means recognizing that each day is a gift from God and choosing to use it in ways that honor Him. Because our time is limited and we are easily distracted, we need God's wisdom to use it well.

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**Office Closure:** The church office will be closed on Monday, February 16 and will reopen on Tuesday, February 17.

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### **New Year's Relationship Reboot: Marriage Enrichment Sundays | 8:00pm to 10:00pm | Online via Zoom Begins tonight, February 15<sup>th</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Alpha Marriage Course is a relaxed, date-night-style experience you can enjoy from home, designed to help couples reconnect through good conversation, practical tools, and intentional time together. Hosted by Canon Judy and Rev. Andrew, and Steve and Clare Masson, the seven-week online course features video content from marriage experts Nicky and Sila Lee, with guided private discussions for couples (not group exercises).

Email our parish administrator at [officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com) to register.

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### **Ash Wednesday Service | February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, inviting us into a sacred time of repentance, remembering our deep need for God's grace, symbolized by the ashes on our foreheads. It's worth attending because this quiet, honest service creates space to realign our hearts

with Christ, receive forgiveness, and begin the journey toward Easter with both humility and hope.

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### **Upcoming Vestry Meeting** **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> | 2:00pm**

Vestry will be held on Zoom to allow more people to attend, especially in case of bad weather. The link will be shared via Constant Contact and the church website.

**You may come to Vestry and vote if you have been a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and of this congregation for at least three months, have attended regularly scheduled services of worship with this congregation at least three times in the past year, are of the full age of sixteen years and have not voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three months.**

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### **SPOTH Youth Group Meeting — February** **February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 | 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Venue: Board Room**

Free lunch and snacks!

At this meeting, we will hear faith stories from some of our parishioners that will encourage you and may even answer some of your questions about God. Come and join us!

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### **Women at St. Paul's – Mugs, Muffins and More** **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> | 9:00am**

Women at St. Paul's will be participating in a February livestream with Wycliffe College, *Women of Faith and the Transforming Power of the Psalms*.

This will take place during **Mugs, Muffins and More**, beginning at **9:00am** in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments, followed by the livestream in the church at **10:00am**. Muffins, tea, and coffee will be provided—*please bring your own mug*. A suggested donation of \$5 would be gratefully received.

To RSVP, please email: [women@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:women@stpaulsonthehill.com) or call the church office at 905-839-7909.

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## **Finding God in the Wilderness: A Lenten Teaching Series**

### **Tuesdays in Lent**

**In-person at the church (1:00pm – 2:15pm)**

**Online via Zoom (7:30pm-8:45pm)**

### **March 3: From the Wilderness to the Garden and Back Again**

Did you know that the flow of salvation history in the Bible can be seen through the thematic lens of the wilderness? This session offers an overview of the theme.

### **March 10: Exile Encounters with God in the Wilderness**

God can transform the wilderness into a place of refuge, where people encounter Him and receive both a new identity and divine provision.

### **March 17: Singing in the Wilderness**

Israel's prophets use the images of wilderness and garden to describe both the bleak consequences of rejecting God and God's ability to bring restoration.

### **March 24: Jesus' Wilderness Tests (or Traps)**

When Jesus faces wilderness tests, He demonstrates trust in the Father's provision and care.

### **March 31: Faithfulness in the Wilderness Leads to Rest**

True rest is available for those who learn to trust God enough to follow His instruction and embrace His way of life.

To register, sign up in the Narthex or email our parish administrator at [officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com)

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## **Altar Flowers**

If you would like to celebrate a special occasion or remember a dear loved one by sponsoring the flowers in the vases at the altar, please

contact Barb Thompson at 289-923-0045 or  
barbthompson@rogers.com. **The cost is \$75.**