



# St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

## Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to those who are new or visiting today—we're glad you're here!

Children and youth go straight to the Parish Hall for Sunday School upon arrival at the church. For children who prefer to stay with their parents, activity packs are available from our ushers.

Processional: **Alleluia, Sing to Jesus** CP 374

## Call to Worship

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

**All: May he fill our hearts with joy.**

## Collect for Purity

Collect of the Day (*together*)

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## We Hear God's Word

God invites us to hear His word.

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Reader: Jan Couto

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

Reader: Nyla Ashley

**Sermon:** Canon Stephanie

Musical Meditation: **Be Still for the Presence of the Lord**

## Apostles' Creed

## Prayers of the People

Intercessor: David Karram

## Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

## The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

## Offertory: Gather Us In

CP 465

God invites us to share our treasures.

## Celebration of the Eucharist

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

### Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Priest: Live in us, that we may live in you.

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. Here I Am to Worship
2. Lord Have Mercy
3. Once Again

## 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: **Our God will Go Before Us**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## 8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **Alleluia No. 1** CP 405

Offertory hymn **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say** CP 508

Recessional hymn **You Who Dwell** CP 531

## Readers:

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Jacob Ladipo

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Sam Paonessa

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **Office Closure Notice**

Please note that the **church office will be closed tomorrow, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21**, as staff will be away during this time. Regular office hours will resume on **Wednesday, April 22**.

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### **SPOTH Youth Community Clean-up Day**

**April 26 | 11:30–1:00 pm | At the Church**

We invite our **SPOTH Youth Group** to help care for our neighbourhood! This event is a chance to make a visible difference, work together as a team, and learn the value of stewardship and community service. We will pick up litter, tidy public spaces, and help create a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming environment for everyone.

**Let's make our community shine! Lunch and snacks will be provided.**

For more information and to register, please contact **Pastor Mabel** at [mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com).

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### **Brief Meeting about Bill C-9**

**Sunday, April 29th | After the 10:00 am service**

Some parishioners have asked to know more about Bill C-9 and its implications for churches. Our Primate wrote a letter to the Prime Minister about the proposed amendment to remove the “in good faith” and “religious text” defense exemptions from Criminal Code Section 319(3)(b). Copies of that letter are available in the narthex. Next Sunday, Canon Stephanie will meet with those interested to hear people's concerns, and suggest action items.

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### **New to St. Paul's? Join Us for Lunch!**

We're hosting a **Newcomer Luncheon on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, right after the **10:00 a.m. service**. If you'd like to learn more about St. Paul's, the Anglican Church, and get to know others in our community, we would love to have you join us. Lunch is included—we hope to see you there!

You can **sign up in the narthex**, and if you have any questions, please feel free to speak with **Pastor Mabel** or email her at [mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com).

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### **Frauds and Scams Presentation**

**Thursday, May 14 at 10:15am**

**Upstairs Board Room**

Women at St. Paul's will host a presentation by **EAPO (Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario)** on frauds and scams.

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This informative session will offer practical guidance to help protect yourself and your loved ones. This event is open to **all seniors; both men and women are warmly welcome**. Cookies and juice will be provided.

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

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### **Ushers' Luncheon | Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Ushers' Luncheon is taking place **Wednesday, April 29 from 12:00 to 1:30pm**. Please join us for a thank-you lunch for our ushers, to offer a brief introduction to *Invite, Welcome, Connect*, and to give thanks for retiring ushers, including Sharlah Barter, usher coordinator, and Ivan Hunte.

**If you are interested in becoming an usher, we would love to have you join us!**

To register, please contact Tiara at the front office by emailing [officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com) or calling 905-839-7909.

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### **Gate 3:16 Updated Needs as of April 2026**

Gate 3:16 is a Christian Outreach Centre located in Oshawa for men and women experiencing difficult times. They do not accept children's clothing. St Paul's on-the-Hill continues to support this organization by providing clothing, shoes, etc.

At this time, there is a need for **sweatshirts, hoodies, t-shirts, track pants, men's jeans (up to size 38 - minimum length 32 inches), women's jeans (up to XL), waterproof light jackets, shorts, baseball caps, men's boxer shorts and women's underwear and bras. Sizes S, M, L and XL for both men and women. Running shoes for men from size 10, women's running shoes from size 6. Besides clothing there is also a need for backpacks, blankets, tents and tarps.**

We accept clean, lightly used items. Items can be placed in a bag labelled Gate 3:16 and placed in the coat closet in the narthex. Please ensure bags are lightweight and not overflowing. If you have any questions, please contact **Eva Boessler** at [evamaria1109@yahoo.ca](mailto:evamaria1109@yahoo.ca) or **Lorna Smith** at [lsmith1@bell.net](mailto:lsmith1@bell.net).

Thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's on-the-Hill for your continued support of this outreach program. We continue to accept financial donations through the weekly offerings.

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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](mailto:barbthompson@rogers.com). **The cost is \$75.**