



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, May 24th, 2026

Day of Pentecost

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.

We are celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries today.

Processional: **Come Now Is The Time To Worship**

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 of the Day (*together*)

Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 2:1-21

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Reader: Nyla Ashley

Sermon: Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham

Musical Meditation: **All The People Said Amen**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Isuru Weerasekera

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: What A Friend We Have In Jesus

God invites us to share our treasures.

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Eucharistic Kenyan Rite

The Lord's Prayer (*Spoken*)

We have come together, the people of God drawn by His Spirit, longing for His word to praise the Holy name of the Lord to share His glorious news of grace to pray for our needs and the pain of the world to rejoice in His love and be sent in His peace.

Priest: Is the Father with us?

All: He is!

Priest: Is Christ among us?

All: He is!

Priest: Is the Spirit here?

All: He is!

Priest: This is our God!

All: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Priest: We are His people!

All: We are His people!

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. This I Believe (The Creed)**
- 2. Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness)**
- 3. Refiner's Fire**

Prayer after Communion:

Priest: Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing to live and witness for You in the power of Your Spirit through Jesus Christ, the Firstborn from the dead.

All: Amen.

Closing Blessing

God sends us into the world, under His blessing.

Priest: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Priest: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Priest: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Priest: All our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ.

The Blessing

Recessional: **Praise**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **Stand Up and Bless the Lord CP 350**
(verses 1,3-4)

Offertory hymn **Spirit Divine, Attend our Prayers**
CP 646

Recessional hymn **Loving Spirit (verses 1-3) CP 657**

Readers:

1st Reader: *Noeline Rasanayagam*

2nd Reader: *Roopan Navaratnam*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lemonade on the Plaza

Now Serving Sundays Throughout the Summer

Join us after the service each Sunday throughout the summer for a cup of lemonade on your way out.

Thank you to Eva Boessler for serving today, and to all who have signed up so far!

We're still looking for volunteers to host a Sunday by preparing and providing lemonade. **Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you're interested in helping.**

We also need volunteers to help set up the tent for shade and rain coverage on **Saturday, June 13 at 10:00am**. No heavy lifting or strength is required, just many hands to help steady and assemble the pieces. **Thank you for your support!**

Family Planting Day – Let's Plant Together! 🌱

Next Sunday, May 31st | 11:30am-2:00 pm

Led by parishioner Yvonne Nunes and the Pickering Garden Club, children will plant seeds, review how to care for growing plants, and explore creative ways to reuse everyday materials. Each child will take home 3–4 small pots with planted seeds. Children who are able to share their progress will also be invited to the Pickering Garden Club in the fall for a special certificate presentation.

For more information and to register, please contact **Pastor Mabel** at mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Women at St. Paul's – Mugs, Muffins and More
Saturday, June 6th | 9:30am-12:00pm | Parish Hall

Women at St. Paul's invite you to join them for a morning of fellowship, music, and testimony with Paula Walker and Pat Carrano of Soulcorde Music presenting "There's Room at the Table." Muffins, tea, and coffee will be provided. *Please bring your own mug.* **Invite a friend, neighbour, or family member!**

A free will offering will be received in support of Soulcorde Music's ministry and donation envelopes will be available for tax receipts.

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

Young Adults Breakfast

Sunday, June 7th | 9am | Upstairs Fellowship Room

College and university students, along with young professionals in their 20s and 30s, are invited to breakfast and conversation with Canon Stephanie and Dr. Isuru Weerasekera. Come connect and help explore what young adult community and faith gatherings at St. Paul's could look like. Breakfast and coffee provided.

Pentecostal Prayer Project: June 8-13th

From June 8–13, we are issuing a special invitation to the congregation to come and spend an hour in prayer for our troubled world, for personal renewal, and for revival.

To help guide your time of prayer, a team of us are preparing prayer stations throughout the church. At each station, you will find resources to help you pray in different ways. The prayer stations will be available throughout the week. In addition to regular office hours, the church will also be open Mon. and Wed. from 4pm–8pm, and Saturday from 9am–12pm, so that those who work may also have time in the sanctuary for prayer.

Coordinator for the Church Bazaar

We're looking for someone to coordinate this year's Bazaar. The role involves promoting the event, coordinating with groups, organizing volunteers, food, and crafts, as well as overseeing the event day. Clare Masson, who previously coordinated the Bazaar, is happy to meet with you to share more information. Please contact **Canon Stephanie** if you are interested.

ALPHA Fall 2026

We are exploring running ALPHA this fall and are looking for volunteer to help with hosting, kitchen support, or advertising. If interested, please contact Canon Stephanie at stephanied@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my mother, Pearl Bond, given by Cynthia Peroff.