



# St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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## Welcome and Announcements

Children and Youth leave for Sunday School and Youth Group before the Opening Hymn.

Processional: **We Have Come Into This House/Open Our Eyes, Lord**

## 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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, 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:** 1 John 4:7-21 (Page 863-864)

Reader: Lorna Smith

**Gospel:** John 15:1-8 (Page 764)

Reader: Nyla Ashley

**Sermon:** Father Paul

Praise Song: **Shout to the Lord**

## Apostles' Creed

## Prayers of the People

*God invites us to offer our thanks and concerns to Him.*

*Intercessor: Janet Couto*

## Confession and Absolution

*God invites us to confess our sins.*

## The Peace of Christ

*God calls us to renewed relationship with others.*

## Offertory: You are My King (Amazing Love)

*God invites us to share our treasures.*

## 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.*

Lutheran Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

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. Shine On Us
2. You are the Vine
3. Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord

## 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: **To God Be the Glory**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia.

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

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

Opening hymn **Let Us with a Gladsome Mind - Red 28**

Offertory hymn **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy - Red 76**

Recessional hymn **God Who Gives to Life Its Gladness - Red 88**

## Readers:

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Pauline Thomas

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Rev. Ayo Adisa

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## First Communion Registration

Parents, are you looking to have your child (ren) ages 6-11 to take their First Communion? There will be a First Communion preparation class on **June 1 from 2-3:30** at the church. The First Communion Day will be on **June 2, 2024** @ the 10 o'clock service. To register, please email Pastor Esther Laiman at [estherl@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:estherl@stpaulsonthehill.com). Thank you.

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## Alpha

This fall we will begin an Alpha Program. Rev. Doug is looking to build an Alpha team to work with him in developing the program. If you are interested in joining our Alpha team, please contact Rev. Doug by email at [dougs@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:dougs@stpaulsonthehill.com) or by calling the church office.

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**SAVE THE DATE** – Saturday, November 23, 2024, 10-2, for this year's **Bazaar**.

This community event is dependent on the donated contributions of SPOTH parishioners.

Much appreciated will be time & talent donations in the form of:

- Crafts, Preserves (in small jars), Jams (in small jars), New Silent Auction items, Set Up Crew, Clean Up Crew, Event Volunteers, Cloth Grocery/Sales Bags, Lunch/Snack Room Food, Loaning of Card Tables .

For more information, the Bazaar Committee includes Jean Mott, Kim Blair, Clare Masson & Rev. Doug Smith.

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## Ordination of Transitional Deacons:

Matthew Waterman, our former Youth worker, will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 4:30pm at St. James Cathedral. You are welcome and encouraged to attend this service of ordination in support of Matthew.

Matthew has been appointed as the Assistant Curate at St. James Cathedral beginning on Monday, May 6, 2024. Congratulations Matthew, our prayers are with you.

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## Visioning 2024:

Our last visioning sessions happen Thursday, May 9th in person:

1-2:30 pm

3-4:30 pm

7-8:30 pm

We also have a zoom on Monday, May 13th from 7:30-9pm.

To sign up, call the church office or email Amaka at [amakao@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:amakao@stpaulsonthehill.com), or Canon Stephanie at [Stephanied@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:Stephanied@stpaulsonthehill.com).

**Note: Thank you for those who signed up for the in-person and zoom session. We are really looking for individuals to sign up for the in-person session on May 9th 3pm to 4:30 and 7pm to 8:30pm.**

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## Two Diocese Events:

There are two Diocese events that maybe of interest. They are:

1. Fresher's Day for all Healing Ministries. A day of refreshment and renewal to all involved in healing ministries, Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:30am to 3:30pm in-person – no Zoom.
2. Lay Anointers Training Day, Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am to 3:30pm in-person – no zoom.

**To register go to Diocese website**

[www.toronto.anglican.ca](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca) and then go to the Events Tab.

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## Prayer for Spiritual Renewal:

Lord God, we know there are issues in our character, our faith and our life that need attention. Abba, Father, we pray for our own spiritual renewal, and for the spiritual renewal of St. Paul's. Jesus, help us take whatever steps are needed right now, to pursue renewed discipleship with you. Holy Spirit, give us wisdom, discernment, and the desire to seek Christ afresh. Allow the light of Christ to shine in our lives, so that others may come to know Jesus. [written by Bill Bradbury].

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## Altar Flowers

If you are interested in providing flowers for the altar, please contact Janice Roberts on 905 839-9212.