



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday

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)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, 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 1:1-11

Reader: David Karram

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Reader: Samaya Chinniah

Sermon: Pastor Mabel

Musical Meditation: **You are Salt for the Earth** CP 502

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Dan Reynolds

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: God Forgave My Sin (Freely, Freely)

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 2

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. Agnus Dei
2. In My Life Lord (Be Glorified)
3. You Shine

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** CP 371

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **God of Grace and God of Glory** CP 577 (verses 1-3)

Offertory hymn **Blest Be the Tie that Binds** CP 507

Recessional hymn **Lord Dismiss us with Thy Blessing** CP 570

Readers:

1st Reader: Roy Smiley

2nd Reader: Jacob Ladipo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Closure Notice

The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 18 for Victoria Day. We will open and resume regular office hours on Tuesday, May 19.

Lemonade on the Plaza

Now Serving Sundays Throughout the Summer

Lemonade on the Plaza begins today! Join us after the service each Sunday throughout the summer for a cup of lemonade on your way out. We're also looking for volunteers to host a Sunday by preparing and providing lemonade. If you're able to help, **please sign up on the sheet in the narthex**. Thank you for your support!

SPOTH Youth Group – Sports Day

Next Sunday, May 24 | 1:00pm-3:00pm | 610 Monarch Ave, Ajax (Milestone Christian Centre)

Join us for an exciting time of basketball, dodgeball, and badminton (Please bring your own rackets & shuttlecocks)! Whether you're here to compete, cheer, or just have fun with friends, everyone is welcome.

All teens in grade 7 or above are welcome! Invite your friends and don't miss it!

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

Family Planting Day | – Let's Plant Together! 🌱

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

Led by our 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 invites 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

Are you a college or university student, or a young professional navigating life in your twenties or thirties? Canon Stephanie and Dr. Isuru Weerasekera invite you to breakfast and conversation on **Sunday, June 7, at 9am** in the Fellowship Room (upstairs), before the 10am service. Come connect, share ideas, and help explore what community and faith gatherings for young adults at St. Paul's might look like. Coffee, breakfast, and good conversation 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 Monday and Wednesday from 4pm–8pm, and Saturday from 9am–12pm, so that parents and those who work may also have time in the sanctuary for prayer.

Coordinator for the Church Bazaar

We are looking for someone interested in taking the lead on this year's Bazaar. The role involves promoting the event, coordinating with groups (craft group), organizing volunteers to bring food, crafts, etc, as well as overseeing the event the day of. Clare Masson, who previously coordinated the Bazaar, is happy to meet with you to share contacts, explain timelines, etc. Please contact **Canon Stephanie** if you are interested.

ALPHA Fall 2026

We are exploring running Alpha this fall. If you are interested in helping out at ALPHA, as a host, helping in the kitchen, or advertising, please contact Canon Stephanie at stephanied@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Terry and Mark Sawchuck from their family.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of mother and grandmother Lorna Davies Hooper, given by Judith, Pete and Tara Carpino.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Angela King and Daisy Sargeant, given by Hetty Taylor and family.