



**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**  
**11:00am**

**St. Paul's on-the-Hill Anglican Church**  
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## Welcome and Introduction to the Service

### Procession (In silence)

Priest: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way,

**All: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Priest: Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,

**All: Even death on a cross.**

Priest: Almighty God,

**All: our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We pray**

**you of your mercy, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty Rock  
within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and the burden of the day.

2 Upon the cross of Jesus  
mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One  
who suffered there for me:  
and from my stricken heart with tears  
two wonders I confess,  
the wonders of his glorious love,  
and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, thy shadow  
for my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss;  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all the cross.

Baptist Hymnal 2008 238 WORDS: Elizabeth C. Clephane MUSIC (ST. CHRISTOPHER,  
Irregular meter): Frederick C. Maker

Priest: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, look graciously we pray, on this  
your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ  
was**

**willing to be betrayed and given into the hands  
of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who now lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**First Reading: Psalm 22 - Margaret Wells**

**Choir Anthem: 10,000 Angels**

**The Passion of Jesus Christ**

**John 18:1-40**

*Jesus is arrested and taken to Annas, a High Priest. Peter denies Jesus three times. Jesus is taken to Pilate who wants to release him, but the people demand the criminal Barabbas instead.*

*Narrators: (Esther Laiman, Dave Hamilton, David Karram, Janet Herrera, Bundom Chijindu, Gideon Exeter, Margaret Wells)*

**Hymn: My Song is Love Unknown (Verses 1-3) CP 184**

1 My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow,  
but all made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know;  
but O my friend,  
my friend indeed,

who at my need  
his life did spend.

3 Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.

**John 19:1-14**

*Jesus is sentenced to be crucified. He is paraded through the streets to Golgotha, the Place of the Skull, where he is nailed to a cross. Jesus dies and Joseph of Arimathea, with Nicodemus, place his body in a new tomb nearby.*

**Hymn: My Song is Love Unknown (Verses 4-6) CP 184**

4 Why, what has my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;

a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.

6 Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

**Reflections on the cross**  
**Canon Judy and Canon Stephanie**

**Meditation: Ransomed**

**Worship Team: Lead Me to the Cross**

Verse 1

Saviour I come, quiet my soul  
Remember  
Redemption's hill  
Where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom

*Pre-Chorus*

*Ev'rything I once held dear*

*I count it all as loss*

*Chorus 1*

*Lead me to the cross*

*Where Your love poured out*

*Bring me to my knees*

*Lord, I lay me down*

*Rid me of myself*

*I belong to You*

*Oh lead me..... lead me to the cross*

*Verse 2*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human

The word became flesh

Bore my sin in death

Now You're risen

*Pre-Chorus*

*Chorus 2*

Lead me to the cross

Where Your love poured out

Bring me to my knees

Lord I lay me down

Rid me of myself

I belong to You

Oh lead me..... lead me to--

*Bridge*

To Your heart

To Your heart

Lead me to Your heart

Lead me to Your heart

Chorus 3

Lead me to the cross  
Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees  
Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to You  
Oh lead me..... lead me

*Chorus 1*

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## **Meditation: Healed**

### **O Sacred Head Sore Wounded**

1 O sacred Head sore wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown:  
How Thou art pale with anguish,  
With sore abuse and scorn;  
How does that visage languish,  
Which once was bright as morn!

2 Thy grief and bitter passion  
Were all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the cruel pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Saviour,  
Turn not from me Thy face;  
But look on me with favour,  
Vouchsafe to me with Thy grace.

3 What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever;  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love to Thee.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 351* | Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite | Music (HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN 767D): Germany melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

## **Meditation: Restored**

## **Worship Team: God So Loved**

### *Chorus*

*For God so loved the world  
That He gave His only Son  
That whosoever believes will not perish  
They shall have eternal life*

### Verse 1

I shall hold to the cross  
I shall hold to God alone  
For His love has salvaged me  
For His love has set me free

*Chorus*

Verse 2

I shall wait upon the Lord  
I shall wait upon His Word  
And by His grace I am released  
By His grace I am redeemed

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

By His precious blood  
I have been set free  
For the glory of Jesus' Name  
I surrender all now to Christ alone  
In Jesus I am saved

*(Repeat)*

*Chorus*

*Ending*

They shall have eternal life  
Yes, they shall have eternal life

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**Meditation: Forgiven**

**Before the Throne of God Above**

1 Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea;  
a great High Priest whose name is Love,

who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2 When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the just is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

*Common Praise 283* | Text: Charitie Lees De Chenez, 1841-1923 | Tune  
(FESTUS, LM): Melody in J.A. Freylinghausen *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, Halle,  
1704

### **Meditation: Praise the Everlasting King**

### **Offertory Hymn: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven**

**CP 381**

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favour

to our forebears in distress;  
praise him still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless;  
alleluia, alleluia,  
glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
widely as his mercy flows.

4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the high eternal one.

5 Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise with us the God of grace.

### **The Solemn Intercession (All Standing)**

Dear people of God, our heavenly Father sent his Son  
into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the  
world through him might be saved, that all who believe

in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with him of eternal life.

### **The Prayers of the People (Kneeling)**

Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world:

For its unity in witness and service, for all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve, for Andrew our diocesan bishop, Riscylla, our area bishop, and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community, for those about to be baptized, that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

### **(Silence)**

Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you, for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Let us pray for all nations and people of the earth, and for those in authority among them: for Charles our King and all the Royal Family, for Mark, the Prime Minister and for the government of this country, the premier of this province – Doug Ford, and the members of the legislature, for Kevin Ashe, the mayor of this municipality and those who serve with him on

the City Council, for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

**(Silence)**

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind: for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and the oppressed, and all who suffer persecution or prejudice, for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped, for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish, for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair, for the sorrowful and bereaved, for prisoners and captives and those in mortal danger, that God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love; and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

**(Silence)**

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve

them, for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who have not received the gospel of Christ: for all who have not heard the words of salvation, for all who have lost their faith, for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ, for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed, for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ, and persecutors of his disciples, for all who in the name of Christ have persecuted others, that God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

**(Silence)**

Merciful God, creator of the people of the earth and lover of souls, have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ. Let your gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it, turn the hearts of those who resist it, and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that with all who have departed this life and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

**(Silence)**

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourable on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**CP 386**

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the cross of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;

love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**The Lord's Prayer (*said together*)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest: Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Grant them pardon; bring them comfort. May their faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**(We depart in silent reflection and thanksgiving for  
God's mercy and grace)**

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Are you visiting with us for the first time today? Welcome! We are glad you are here. If you would like a prayer or a call from clergy, or more information, please fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it on the offering plate.

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## **SPOTH Youth Group— April Meetings: Faith in Action**

### **Field Trip at St. Paul's on-the-Hill Food Bank**

**April 10 | 6:30pm-8:15pm | 1535 Pickering Parkway**

We invite our SPOTH Youth Group to take part in a meaningful and hands-on experience as we visit our local food bank!

This special outing is an opportunity for our youth to serve the community, learn about food insecurity, and make a real difference in the lives of others.

Together, we will help sort and organize donations, support the work of the food bank, and reflect on the importance of compassion, gratitude, and sharing with those in need.

All SPOTH youth are welcome—come with a willing heart and ready hands!

Let's serve, learn, and grow together 🍴

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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.

Come with energy, a positive attitude, and a heart for helping others—let's make our community shine!

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

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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. 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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**SPOTH Kids Ministry – Family Planting Day 🌱**  
**Sunday, May 31 | 11:30am to 2:00pm**

📍 **Parish Hall**

Let's plant together! Join us for a fun and hands-on Family Planting Day where children and families can learn, grow, and enjoy God's creation.

Led by our parishioner Yvonne Nunes and her team from the Pickering Garden Club, this special workshop will teach children how to plant seeds, care for growing plants, and transplant seedlings. They will also explore creative ways to reuse and recycle everyday materials—like turning newspaper into planting cups!

Each child will take home 3–4 small pots with planted seeds (vegetables or flowers) to nurture and watch grow. 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.

Come ready to get your hands a little dirty and your hearts full of joy! 🌸

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## **Church Office Closure Notice**

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on **Easter Monday, April 6.**

The office will reopen and resume regular hours on **Tuesday, April 7th.**

We wish everyone a blessed and joyful Easter!

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**Registration is now open for our next Baptism service on June 21, 2026.**

If you or your child would like to be baptized, please contact the church office at ***officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com*** to receive a registration form and submit it by **April 12.**

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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.**

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