



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday March 9th, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Children and youth leave for Sunday School during Opening Hymn.

Processional: **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**
CP 354

Call to Worship

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also, with you.**

Collect for Purity

Collect of the Day (*together*)

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; 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: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Reader: Gideon Exeter

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Reader: Dave Hamilton

Sermon: Canon Stephanie

Musical Meditation: **Take My Life (Holiness, Holiness)**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Isuru Weerasesera

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: 40 Days and 40 Nights CP 175

God invites us to share our treasures.

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Eucharistic Prayer 5

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Priest: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. **Lord, Have Mercy Upon Me**
2. **Purify My Heart**
3. **Change My Heart, O God**

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: **Giver of the Perfect Gift**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **40 Days and 40 Nights** CP 175

Offertory hymn **Cleanse Me** (printed)

Recessional hymn **Change My Heart O God** (printed)

Readers:

1st Reader: Noeline Rasanayagam

2nd Reader: Roopan Navaratnam

ANNOUNCEMENT

Youth Sunday School - March 9 & 23

Youth Sunday School will take place on **March 9 (this Sunday) and March 23** in the Board Room.

Starting this Sunday, we're launching a new teaching series designed to help teenagers move beyond urban stereotypes and develop a strong, Christ-centered understanding of their identity. Each session will include worship, games, biblical teaching, dynamic conversations, and prayer. Invite the teens to come and be part of the journey!

Lenten Study: *Being Disciples – Essentials of the Christain Life* by Rowan Williams

Week #2 – Faith, Hope & Love

- **Tuesday, March 11** on Zoom from **7:30 pm to 8:45 pm**
- **Wednesday, March 12** in-person at the church from **1 pm to 2:30 pm**.

Holy Week

Mark your calendar:

- **Palm Sunday** – April 13th at 8am & 10am
- **Maundy Thursday** – April 17th at 12:00 & 7:30pm
- **Good Friday** – April 18th at 11am, with a concurrent Children's Program
- **Easter Sunday** – April 20th at 7:45, 9 and 11am.

FAMILY GAMES DAY & LUNCH

Come and join us at St. Paul's for a fun-filled **free** afternoon of games and fun on **Saturday, March 22nd, starting at noon**.

We will meet for lunch in the basement. Chili, pizza, and drinks are provided but donations of shareable desserts, like cookies or squares, are most welcome. Afterwards, we will splinter off into different rooms for a choice of kid's games, teen games, adult games, or quieter games. Feel free to bring friends. Please sign up in the narthex (entrance) so we can plan for the meal.

St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Community Food Bank

Once again, our Food Bank has been very busy serving those in our community facing food insecurity—and your support is vital to their mission. When you go shopping, please consider dropping off food donations at your local area grocery stores to help fill their

shelves. The most needed items include: **Dry Beans, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Peanut Butter, Cookies, Canned Lentils & Juice.**

At this time, the Food Bank does **not** need empty egg cartons, but they **do** need excess grocery bags—please continue to drop those off.

Mark Your Calendar:

Join us for the **Food Bank's Open House on Saturday, April 5, 2025**. This is a great opportunity to see how the Food Bank operates and to meet some of the dedicated volunteers who make it all possible.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

For more details, please visit:

stpaulsonthehillfoodbank.ca.

Upcoming 100th Anniversary events to mark in your calendar:

- **Car Rally: Blessing our Neighbourhood: May 3rd** This is an inter-generational event. We'll be going on a scavenger hunt around Pickering, with a view to having fun while blessing our neighbours. Pack your family into your car or build a team with friends!
- **100th Anniversary Special Speakers:** Over the course of 2025 we are inviting back former incumbents and staff, including Canon Phil and Father Brian in the fall of 2025. This spring we look forward to hearing from the **Rev. Greg Physick** (former incumbent) on Sunday, May 25th, and from **Pastor Doug Willoughby** (retired pastoral staff) on June 15.

Please also mark your calendars for **Sunday November 9th** for our 100th anniversary worship services & meal afterwards.

Rebuilding a Social Committee:

We are enjoying our times of fellowship with one another. We are looking to create a list of people who are willing to be reached out to, to support social gatherings when they happen. This does NOT mean you will have to help every time, simply that you are willing to be pitch in when and as you are able.

Please send your contact information to Pastor Mabel at mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com

Altar Flowers

If you are interested in providing flowers for the altar, please contact Barbara Thompson on 905-839-1040.