



# St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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: **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing CP 306**

## 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 of the Day (together)

**Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him 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 103:1-5, 8-14

Reader: Dave Hamilton

**Gospel:** Luke 11: 5-13

Reader: Bundom Chijindu

**Sermon:** Canon Stephanie

Musical Meditation: **Living Hope**

## Apostles' Creed

## Prayers of the People

*Intercessor: Margaret Wells*

## Confession and Absolution

*God invites us to confess our sins.*

## The Peace of Christ

*God calls us to renewed relationship with others.*

## Offertory: The Power of Your Love

*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 (Sung)

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. Table of Grace
2. Lord, Have Mercy
3. Shine on Us

## 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 First Born 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: **And Can it Be**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Opening hymn **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

CP 306

Offertory hymn **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

CP 606

Recessional hymn **Love Divine CP 486**

### Readers:

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: *Billy Corlett*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: *Kehinde Ladipo*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Holy Week at St. Paul's – Upcoming Services

<b>Palm Sunday (Mar. 29):</b> 8am and 10am
<b>Maundy Thursday (Apr. 2):</b> 7:30pm only
<b>Good Friday (Apr. 3):</b> 11:00am only (Nursery & Children's Program)
<b>Easter Sunday (Apr. 5):</b> 7:45am (Traditional Service with Communion) 9:00am (Holy Communion with simple Children's Program) 11:00am (Holy Communion with Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt)

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### Easter Egg Hunt Donations 🐣

Today is the last day to donate items for our **Easter Egg Hunt!**

Please place small toys or nut-free, individually wrapped treats in the collection box at the church entrance.

Thank you for helping make this a joyful day for our children and families! 🙌

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### Finding God in the Wilderness: A Lenten Teaching Series | Tuesdays in Lent

In-person at the church (1:00pm – 2:15pm)

Online via Zoom (7:30pm-8:45pm)

#### Remaining Sessions:

**March 24:** *Jesus' Wilderness Tests (or Traps)*

**March 31:** *Faithfulness in the Wilderness Leads to Rest*

To register, sign up in the narthex or email our parish administrator at [officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com](mailto:officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com).

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### 🌴 PALM PARTY 🌴

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> | 10:00am**

Join us for a morning of fellowship as we make **Palm crosses** in preparation for **Palm Sunday**.

We will gather in **the upstairs fellowship room**, where **coffee and refreshments** will be available.

**All are welcome—women, men, and youth.** No previous experience is needed, just willing hands!

For more information, please contact **Margaret Wells** at **905-839-6499**.

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### Youth Group Game Day – March Gathering Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> | Board Room

Youth are invited to join us after the **10am service** for a fun afternoon of **board games, laughter, and great fellowship**. Lunch, snacks, and dessert will be provided. Bring a friend and get ready for a great time together. We hope to see you there!

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### Youth Group Adult Leaders Needed

Our Youth Group is growing, and we are looking for caring adults to journey alongside our teens.

This ministry focuses on building friendships, having fun, and encouraging youth in their faith. No special expertise required, just a heart for young people.

If you would like to learn more about serving as a Youth Group leader, please speak with Pastor Mabel.

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### Gate 3:16 Update

Gate 3:16 is a Christian organization located in Oshawa that supports men and women in need, therefore children's clothing cannot be accepted.

St Paul's on-the-Hill supports Gate 3:16 by collecting new and slightly used, clean clothing appropriate for the season. At this time, Gate 3:16 has sufficient winter clothing for men and women. Once the warmer weather is consistent, we will update the congregation on spring and summer clothing needs. We continue to accept financial donations through the weekly offerings.

Thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's on-the-Hill for their continued support of this outreach program.

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### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of my beloved husband, Gerald, given by his wife Sandra.

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.**