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*I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.
Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.
John 15.5*

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*The flowers on the Altar are given in loving
memory of Lucas Dodd and of all infant siblings,
sons or daughters that have passed to the warm
embrace and care of the Lord by Paul and Joanne
and family.*

ANCIENT WORDS by Lynn DeShazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart.

O, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope.

In this world where'er we roam
ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus: Ancient words ever true,
changing me and changing you.

We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancients words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice.

O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world
they resound with God's own heart

O, let the ancient words impart.

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Children to come forward for a blessing

Children's song: **THIS IS THE DAY** by Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord
has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this
is the day that the Lord hath made.

This is the day, this is the day when He rose again,
when He rose again. We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad
in it, and be glad in it. This is the day when He rose again, we
will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day when
He rose again.

These are the friends, these are the friends, that the Lord has
made, that the Lord has made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad with them. And be glad with them. These are the
friends that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad with

them. These are the friends, these are the friends that the Lord has made.

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

People **And also with you**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All **and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect:

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Lesson: Judges 4:1-7

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Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *

until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *

and of the derision of the proud.

Psalm Prayer: King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name.

HOLY IS THE LORD

We stand and lift up our hands

For the joy of the Lord is our strength

We bow down and worship Him now

How great how awesome is He

And together we sing Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory

The earth is filled with His glory

It's rising up all around

It's the anthem of the Lord's renown (x2)

New Testament Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 25:14-30

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Sermon: The Reverend Trevor Potter

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People:

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Celebrant. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory (during which the tithes and offerings will be received)

THE SERVANT KING By Graham Kendrick.

From Heaven You came, Helpless babe, Entered our world, Your glory veiled; Not to be served But to serve, And give Your life That we might live.

(Chorus) **This is our God, The Servant King, He calls us now To follow Him, To bring our lives As a daily offering Of worship to The Servant King.**

There in the garden Of tears, My heavy load He chose to bear; His heart with sorrow Was torn' Yet not My will But Yours,' He said. (Chorus)

Come see His hands And His feet, The scars that speak Of sacrifice; Hands that flung stars Into space To cruel nails Surrendered. (Chorus)

So let us learn How to serve, And in our lives Enthroned Him; Each other's needs To prefer, For it is Christ We're serving. (Chorus)

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Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,

Sung Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Please feel free to either sit or kneel)

Celebrant We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your

Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant 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 of Humble Access:

Heavenly Father, We come to your table as your children, Not presuming but assured, Not trusting ourselves but your word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, And ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.

Celebrant The gifts of God, for the people of God

All **Thanks be to God**

The Receiving of Communion

Please note that Communion is available in two kinds (bread and wine). If you'd prefer to only receive the bread, simply place your arms across your chest when the chalice is presented and we will offer you a blessing. Please remember intinction (dipping the wafer) is not permitted.

Communion Music

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART by Paul Baloche

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You.**

Chorus: To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your Glory. Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, 3x

I want to see You.

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I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that lifegiving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.**

Post Communion Prayer: Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever..

Celebrant 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.**

Blessing: May Almighty God make you faithful to His calling, cheerful in His service and fruitful for His kingdom and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and through you with all those to whom he sends you now and always.
Amen

Hymn: **ME ON YOUR MIND** chords by Matthew West

I've read the words in red

How you leave the ninety-nine

To find the one missing, feels like that was written

With me on Your mind.

And the prodigal son who ran

Leaving his home behind

The part where the father came running to meet him

Did You say that with me on Your mind?

(Chorus) Who am I that the King of the world

Would give one single thought about my broken heart?

Who am I that the God of all grace

Wipes the tears from my face and says, "Come as you Are"?

You paid the price, You took the cross

You gave Your life and You did it all

With me on Your mind (oh-oh-oh-oh, oh)

Me on Your mind (oh-oh-oh-oh, oh).

Just knowing You're mindful of me

Just knowing You call me Your child

It's flooding my soul with unspeakable hope

Thank You, Lord, that it's me on Your mind.

I've read the words in red

Of a Heavenly home on high

You're preparing a place where the sorrow's erased

And when I stand before You, I'll find

All along, it was me on Your mind.

(Chorus)

Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Ministry Of Prayer: There will be a team of two people available at the front of the church providing an opportunity to receive prayer for yourself or someone else. Simply stay behind in the church or walk up to that area if you would like prayer.

Notices:

The church is open on Wednesdays from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. for frozen food pick-up and drop-off of donations/tithing and sandwiches.

Prayer evening –Thursday night, 7:30 p.m., regular zoom meeting.

Community Outreach group – November – Angel Tree Gifts or monetary donations for food and gift cards.

Monthly Mission: GPK Christmas Basket

TAX RECEIPTS: To be eligible for 2023 tax receipts, all donations to St. Paul's need to be received by Dec. 20,2023 if done by Zeffy or Dec. 27, 2023 if done in person.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 26 – Fall Clean-up following Café Worship.

Sign-up sheet will be available shortly.

Dec. 25th - St. Paul's will be holding their annual Christmas Supper and everyone is welcome to come for a great traditional turkey dinner. For more information or to inform us that you will be attending, please call Roderick at 514-983-4278 or Debbie at 514-515-4278, if there is no answer, please just leave a message. Hope to see you there

Service Schedule

Nov. 26 – The Reign of Christ
Café Worship

Dec. 3 –Advent 1
Holy Communion

Dec. 10 – Advent 2
Morning Prayer

Dec. 17 – Advent 3
Children's Pageant

Dec. 24 – Advent 4 (10:30 a.m.)
Holy Communion
- Christmas Eve (7 p.m.)
Nine Lessons & Carols Service

Dec. 31 – Epiphany of the Lord
Service of the Word