

The Conversion of Saint Paul

January 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Celebrant, The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews, Honorary Assistant

Deacon, The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent

Preacher, The Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Honorary
Assistant

Welcome! We are glad to have you join us in worship today.

Our Church School (for youth up to age 12) gathers downstairs in the Hall prior to the start of worship. They return to the church during the Offertory Hymn, in time for the Communion. New children are always welcome.



Introit Hymn #285 (*Blue Book*)

Aeterna Christi Munera

The Gathering of the Community (*Green Book*)

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Glory to God

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The Collect

Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Paul you caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world. May we who celebrate his wonderful conversion follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out

his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Psalm 67

T. 8,3



- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,*
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth,*
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;*
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;*
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase;*
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing,*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Epistle

Galatians 1:11-24

'For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin, for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism

beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the gentiles, I did not confer with any human, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. *This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.* Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When

they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Matthew 10:16-22

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

The prayer litany this week is provided by the Armenian Apostolic Church, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity sponsored by the World Council of Churches.

Response **Lord, have mercy.**

Parish Prayer Cycle: Health & Safety and Property Management; Helen & Mark Kolberg, Maggie Knight, Tamia King, Judith Kidd

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Peterborough Deanery

Those who have asked us for prayers: Bob Thornley, Edith Paxton, Erma MacDonald, Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Mark, Aws, Selwa, Lubna, Bishop Victoria, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft, Raymond Dunning, Marian MacDonald, Father David Mulholland, John Martin, River, Leanna, Gerald Mangina, Ted, Ted R, Huntly Duff, The Rev'd David Howells, Barb, Dennis Freeman, Angus, Jane Rozdzilski, Hamish Redpath, Cari, Ron Fintelman, Miguel, Jean Conway, Bill Keel, Nelson, Margaret D., Heather, Jim Muir, Gayle

Covey, Greg, Shelagh, Len Curtis, Kate, Caoimhe Reardon, Rosa Soares, Jane, Edie Wise, Marilyn Webster, Diane Roy, Dale Gillespie, Mary Anne Demonte-Whelan, Anne, Cindy Paget, Joan, Steve, Josie, and all others on our hearts this day.

*Please send the names of loved ones for the prayer list to Father Hatt at
nhatt@stmartininthefields.ca*

Confession, Absolution and the Peace pp. 191-192

Offertory Hymn #385 (*Blue Book*) Uttingen



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The flowers at the chancel steps are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their son Patrick by Lindsey and Glen Storey.

Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God, as we celebrate this holy Eucharist, may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #6, p. 207-210

(As noted in the Book of Alternative Services, page 180, the eucharistic prayer we use today "is the work of an unofficial ecumenical committee of Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Methodist scholars. Its source is the eucharistic prayer in the liturgy of St Basil of Caesarea.")

**The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #2
and the Communion**

pp. 211-213

Priest We break this bread
 to share in the body of Christ.

People **We, being many, are one body,
 for we all share in the one bread.**

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes all Christians who have been baptised in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to come forward to the altar to receive the Blessed Sacrament. If you wish to receive only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest while at the altar. Please let a sidesperson know if you require assistance. The Sacrament can be brought to you in your pew.

Communion Hymn #584 (*Blue Book*)

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Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you filled your apostle Paul with love for all the churches. May the sacrament we have received foster love and unity among your people. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology and Blessing

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Announcements

Closing Hymn: By All Your Saints Still Striving

1 By all your saints still striving,
for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus,
forevermore be blessed!
For those passed on before us,
we sing our praise anew
and, walking in their footsteps,
would live our lives for you.

2 Praise for the light from heaven
and for the voice of awe:
praise for the glorious vision
the persecutor saw.
O Lord, for Paul's conversion,
We bless your name today.
Come shine within our darkness
and guide us in the way.

3 Then let us praise the Father
and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit,
eternal Three-in-One,
till all the ransomed number who
stand before the throne,
ascribe all power and glory and
praise to God alone.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Parish News and Announcements

Christian Education

Our Christian Education series on ecumenism continues this week. On Wednesday, January 28th at 8 p.m., we will be joined by Nicholas Jesson, Ecumenical Officer for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina and his wife the Rev. Amanda Currie, Presbyterian minister and President of the Canadian Council of Churches.

These sessions take place online. The Zoom link will be sent to the parish email list.

Choral Evensong for Candlemas at St Olave's with Bishop Susan Bell

St. Olave's, Swansea (360 Windermere Avenue), is delighted to be welcoming the choir of the Cathedral and their Music Director and Organist, Tom Bell, to sing evensong on the eve of Candlemas (Sunday, February 1) at 4:00 p.m. Following the service, the Bishop of Niagara, the Right Rev'd Susan Bell, will be making a presentation on the Anglican Poet and writer, George Herbert. Herbert (1593-1633) was an Anglican priest who is famous for his poetry and prose. Many of his works have been set to music, including the well-known hymns "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing," "King of Glory, King of Peace," "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life," "Teach Me, My God and King." All are welcome.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for adults and older youth and being considered for Lent. If you or others are interested, please speak with Father Hat

Offering Envelopes and Pre-Authorized Giving

An important part of our Christian vocation is the offering,

according to our means, of the financial gifts God has given each of us.

Envelopes for monthly offerings to the parish are now available at the back of the church. These envelopes make it easier for our counters to track your regular offerings made by cheque or cash to the parish. If you would like a set of envelopes, but there isn't a set there for you, please connect with Piers, our envelope secretary at piers.hemmingsen@gmail.com.

Regularly monthly offerings can also be made electronically using preauthorized giving or e-transfer. For more information, visit <https://stmartininthefields.ca/donate/>.

Updating our Parish List

We are reaching out regarding the Parish List for St. Martin-in-the-Fields. We would like to ensure that our records are accurate and up to date, particularly for individuals who are new to the Church or those whose contact information has recently changed.

For new members, we want to make the process of sharing their details as simple as possible. Please let them know that they can provide their contact information directly to the Parish Office (office@stmartininthefields.ca), and we will ensure it is added to the list promptly.

For existing members who need to update their information, the Church will take care of making the necessary changes once they provide the updated details. This will help us maintain accurate communication and ensure everyone stays connected with parish activities and announcements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cyriline Taylor for the Stewardship Committee

Annual Vestry Reports and Meeting

Heads of all groups and committees are asked to submit their annual written vestry report to the parish office by Sunday, February 1st (please email to office@stmartininthefields.ca). Our parish annual Vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22nd immediately following our 11 a.m. worship.

This Week at St Martin's

Today, January 25th (*The Conversion of Saint Paul*)

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)

Monday, January 26th (*Feria*)

4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Romero House Kids Program (Hall)

6:30 p.m. Children and Youth Ministry Committee (Parish Office)

7:30 p.m. Management Board (Guild Room)

Tuesday, January 27th (*John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith*)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Beavers (Hall)

Wednesday, January 28th (*Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Friar, Teacher of the Faith*)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Cubs (Hall)

8 p.m. Christian Education (online via Zoom)

Thursday, January 29th (*Feria*)

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Pickleball (Hall)

8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, January 30th (*Charles Stuart, King of England and Scotland*)

7:45 p.m. - 10 p.m. Naturally High Park (Hall)

Saturday, January 31st (*Feria*)

10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Healey Willan Singers Rehearsal (Church)

12:00 p.m. – 7 p.m. Romero House (Hall)

Next Sunday, February 1st (*The Presentation of Our Lord*)

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)

12:30 p.m. Joint Outreach and Missional Committee

12:30 p.m. Youth Group (Guild Room)



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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Tuesdays

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

Feast days and special services as announced.