



ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A National Historic Site: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Easter Sunday Service

March 31, 2024. 11 am

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

We are so glad that you've come to worship the Lord with us today, and we hope that you will experience the presence of Christ among us. In the pew are the following tools for participation in this service. The blue "Book of Praise" contains our hymns, the red "Book of Psalms" contains the responsive psalms, and the blue "New English Bible" contains the scripture passages.

If an item has an asterisk (), then please stand if you are able. Large print Hymnals are available in the back of the Sanctuary. An usher would be happy to help you. Join us for Hot Cross buns and coffee in St. Andrew's Hall following the service.*

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "The Strife is O'er" W. Held

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 243 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm 31: 14-24 ref. I Reader: Debbie Bruce

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (page 954, OT)

Luke 24: 1-12 (page 108, NT)

*Hymn 248 "At the dawning of salvation"

Anthem "The Strife is O'er Eric Thiman

Sermon "The Disciples Who Did Not Run Away –
Mary Magdalene & Mary, the mother of James"
Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn 256 "Now the green blade rises"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 Book of Praise

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Alleluia, Praise the Risen King" L. Larsen

*The Doxology 830 Book of Praise

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn 258 "Thine be the glory"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Chorale Prelude on the tune "Victory"" H. Willan

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Paul's is situated on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. All peoples have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Land acknowledgments are essential as we move forward on a path to reconciliation and are guided by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action.

AN INCLUSIVE & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

The church is called to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving and supportive community—a true church family. As affirmed by the 2021 General Assembly, all people whatever their sexual orientation or gender identity are equally beloved by God. The Session of St. Paul's endorses these truths and will strive to create a church where all people are included and affirmed.

PLEASE NOTE: GALLERY SEATING IS CLOSED

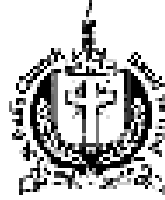
For insurance reasons, the gallery seating around the top of the sanctuary is not open to the public. Only the individual who is coordinating the live stream will be in the gallery. We invite you to join us in the pews on the main floor of the Sanctuary as you worship with us today. Thank you.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



An automated external defibrillator is available in the hallway outside the main office.

ST. PAUL'S VISION



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is a Christian community in downtown Hamilton, embodying Jesus' acceptance and love of all people and supporting the growth of God's people in faith and service.

ST. PAUL'S TEAM

Interim Moderator:	Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Natanya Hill
Today's Ushers:	Trish Haycock, North Aisle Murray McDowall, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hot Cross Buns and coffee will be served in St. Andrew's Hall following the service today. Join us!

Land Development at St. Paul's - Representatives of the Session of St. Paul's are continuing their negotiations with a real estate developer with respect to selling the land on which St. Andrew's Hall sits to build housing. We rejected an earlier offer as it did not sufficiently benefit St. Paul's. The developer has made a new offer, and we are working with our lawyer to respond. The new offer includes an upfront cash payment and the shared use of a meeting hall, kitchen, classrooms, and parking spaces. The new offer is conditional on the developer obtaining the required building permissions, financing, and pre-sales of condominium units, which will likely take three years. If the Session feels that the new offer can be countered to benefit the future of St. Paul's greatly, we will bring the offer to the congregation. If the congregation approves the offer, we will seek permission from the Presbytery to proceed. We have some optimism about this development; however, there are many hurdles that have yet to be cleared. We ask that all members of St. Paul's pray about this matter and ask God to guide us on how to proceed best as we evaluate this opportunity.

Thank you to the Presbytery, and Thank you to Cultural Heritage Planning, Hamilton - St. Paul's is grateful to the Presbytery of Hamilton for a gift of \$19,000 to cover the cost of the fencing around vulnerable areas of our building. The GST portion of the gift will be returned to the Presbytery once we receive our GST rebate for the purchase. The Presbytery recognizes the exceptional work that St. Paul's is doing with unhomed persons and persons struggling with opioid addiction in the downtown. They also recognize that our outreach ministries

sometimes put our building in jeopardy, so they were glad to provide the gift that will allow us to continue our important ministries. We appreciate that the Presbytery shares our vision and is willing to support it. We are also thankful to Cultural Heritage Planning, Hamilton, for responding in person and quickly to our request to put up the fencing. They came here in person, expressed thanks to St. Paul's for the way we have maintained this building, and quickly approved the fencing. They understand The risks associated with being in downtown Hamilton and were eager to make exceptions to their own guidelines to allow us to protect our building.

Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre donations - Donations of toiletries and non-perishable snacks and foods would still be of great help to the HUC CHC. Please leave these items in the boxes on the St. Andrew's stage.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

11:00am: Easter Sunday Service

Monday, April 1 – Easter Monday

5:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

7:30pm: Scottish Dance Group in St. Andrew's Hall

Tuesday, April 2

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Wednesday, April 3

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Thursday, April 4

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

Friday, April 5

9am-3pm: Church office is OPEN

5:30pm: Friday Night Meeting in Centennial Hall