

Worship at St Paul's

***That I may go to the altar of God;
to the God of my joy and gladness. Psalm 43:4***

At St Paul's we seek, as a community, to find the way to God, the ground of our being that upholds us and gives meaning to our lives. We do this through prayer and by proclaiming, teaching and sharing the Christian message and its prophetic witness as they have been handed down to us by our mothers and fathers in the Faith.



The processional cross leads the liturgical ministers

Times of Sunday services
Every Sunday except the first of the month:
8 am, 9:15 am and 11 am
First Sunday of the month: 8 am and 10 am

Our worship is centred upon celebrations of the Eucharist (or Holy Communion), using traditional and contemporary Anglican liturgies to make Jesus present in Word and Sacrament. We invite all to share our journey into the divine mystery, asking only for an open mind and a receptive heart.

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table to share the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the 8 o'clock service the setting is quiet and contemplative. The service is said, using the traditional rite from the *Book of Common Prayer*, and a sermon is preached.

At all other Sunday services we sing the liturgy, using the contemporary rite from the *Book of Alternative Services*.



The 9:15 am celebration is intimate and relaxed in style. We gather in the chancel to sing and to hear and discuss the Scripture readings and the sermon. We stand around the altar to pray and to give and receive Communion one to another.



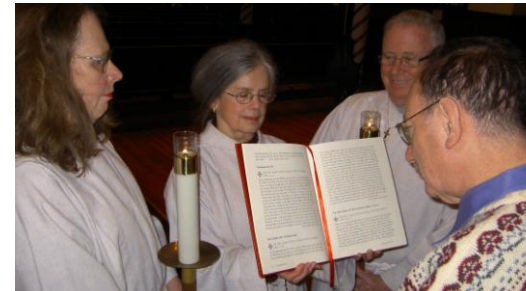
The 11 o'clock celebration is more formal in setting and traditional in style. Our singing is accompanied by choir and organ. We hear the Scriptures read and listen to a sermon. The priest prays at the high altar and with the lay assistants administers Communion there and in the Lady Chapel.

At the 10 o'clock celebration on the first Sunday of the month we combine the intimacy of the 9:15 am service with the formality of the 11 am service. We place the altar in the midst of the people and we conduct innovative liturgies.



The priest and lay ministers offer the bread and wine

The parish priest, or occasionally a visiting priest, presides at all of these services, assisted by a lay sub-deacon and server. Other lay persons read the Scriptures, lead prayers, and administer Communion.



Lay ministers proclaim the Gospel

While these services emphasize communal participation, we exercise within them a personal ministry of prayer and consolation.

If you seek prayer for yourself, or for another person, come to the prayer desk in the Lady Chapel during the administration of Communion where a member of the Healing Guild will pray with you.

At the 10 o'clock celebration we renew our baptismal covenant to trust in God, to continue in the apostles' fellowship, to resist evil, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ, to serve Christ in all persons, and to strive for justice and peace among all people.

From time to time we administer Baptism to persons wishing to join us in our discipleship. This is always done within the context of a Sunday Eucharist.

On weekdays we celebrate the Eucharist on Wednesday at 7 pm in the chancel and on Thursday at 11:15 am in the Lady Chapel.

We have seasonal services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Eve.

We hold other services from time to time. On the Sunday following Canada Day and on Remembrance Sunday we have prayer services to mark those occasions. On Advent Sunday and at other times we celebrate Choral Evensong.

Worship at St Paul's is a parish ministry funded by parishioners as part of their financial support to St Paul's Anglican Church. Donors contributing to these and other parish expenses are eligible to receive tax-receipts.

The first Eucharist in the Parish of St Paul was celebrated on 24 March 1889.

The first Eucharist in the present church building was celebrated on 24 December 1905.

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