SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

The word of the Lord abides for ever. That word is the good news which was preached to you. I Peter 1:25

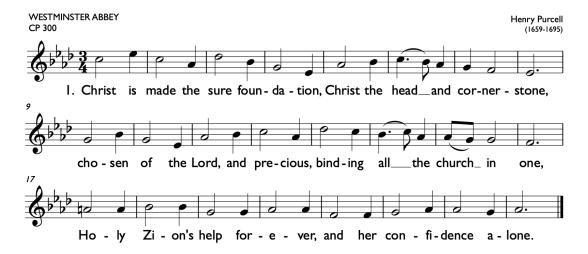




SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

Please stand when clergy and choir enter.

Opening Hymn Christ Is Made the Sure Foudation



2 All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody, God the One-in-Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

(Choir only)

- To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness, hear thy servants as they pray; and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.
- 4 Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever three, and ever one, one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

The Gathering of the Community

Presider 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.

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the

Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaran peoples; the traditional lands of the Anishnaabe Peoples, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Lenni-Lanape Peoples; and the current communities of the Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee-Delaware Nation.

People From many places and peoples we come to this time of prayer.

Presider We uphold our common stewardship of creation and our common birthplace

of God's earth.

People We respect our place on this land and move forward in love and

peace.

Presider Almighty God,

People 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.

Choral Gloria sung to the Missa 'O Quam Gloriosum' (short mass) setting by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

Glória in excélsis Deo Glory to God in the highest,

et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis. All and peace to his people on earth.

Laudámus te, benedícimus te, Lord God, heavenly king, adorámus te, glorificámus te, almighty God and Father,

grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam we worship you, we give you thanks,

tuam,

Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, we praise you for your glory.

Deus Pater omnípotens.

Dómine Fili Unigénite, Iesu Christe, Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis;

qui tollis peccáta mundi,

súscipe deprecatiónem nostram. Oui sedes ad déxteram Patris,

miserère nobis.

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.

Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris. Amen. 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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray. (silence)

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together

in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple,

acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

"Children's Corner" – Children are welcome to join Heather in the Assembly Room.

Congregation be seated for the Proclamation of the Word.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

(Silence is observed between the readings and the homily for reflection.)

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations: Reader: Hazil Malone

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer. (Lamentations 1:1-6)

Reader The word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 137

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy: Reader: Carolyn Doyle

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the lying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. (2 Timothy 1:1-14)

Reader The word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**



Holy Gospel Luke 17:5-10

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

Reader People The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Homily

The Venerable Sam Thomas

Please be seated

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Presider

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 Intercession Led by Ann Tonkin

Leader

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. I invite you to take a comfortable posture: standing or sitting for the Prayers of the People.

(A brief silence.)

O God of the church you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring

favourable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labour in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose

presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give

leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring

peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed,

bereaved, lonely and poor. Come to the help of all in need especially Ann & Ellis, Marg, George, Leigh, Sue, Roland, Kevin, Stanley, Ruth, Winnie, Phyllis, Fabian. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of

grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all

ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of

grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith.

May the faith fo those who now rest in your merciful arms, life of Lois and

Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader Gracious God, we lift up the community of St. Paul's, clergy and all ministry

leaders entrusted with holy work. May Your Holy Spirit guide them in

faithfulness, that all who enters this sacred space may encounter the redeeming love of Christ Jesus. Let our witness extend beyond these walls, bearing Your

light to the world. God of grace,

People receive our prayer.

Leader We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our

redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

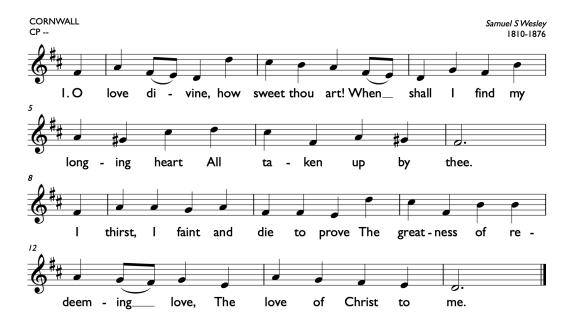
People **Amen.**

The Peace Please stand

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn O Love Divine, How Sweet Thou Art



- 2 Stronger his love than death or hell; its riches are unsearchable: the first-born sons of light desire in vain its depth to see; they cannot reach the mystery, the length and breadth and height.
- 4 For ever would I take my seat with Mary at the Master's feet: be this my happy choice; my only care, delight, and bliss, my joy, my heaven on earth, be this, to hear the Bridegroom's voice!
- God only knows the love of God;
 O that it now were shed abroad
 in this poor stony heart!
 For love I sigh, for love I pine;
 this only portion, Lord, be mine,
 be mine this better part.
- Thy only love do I require, nothing on earth beneath desire, nothing in heaven above: let earth and heaven, and all things go, give me thine only love to know, give me thine only love.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong

to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider May God be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

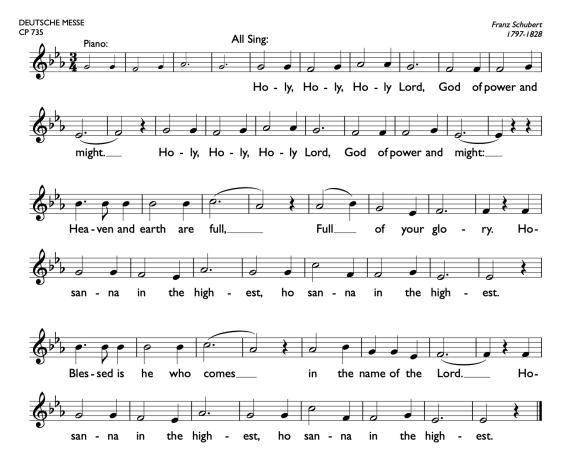
Presider It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We

praise you here where the Thames River blends and flows, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the

body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with archangels and ancestors, eagle and bear, salmon and sheep, pine and trillium, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song of Your praise:



Presider

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and

lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.



The choir will sing the **Agnus Dei** from the Missa 'O Quam Gloriosum' (short mass) setting by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: Miserere nobis / Dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us / Grant us peace.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

Communion Anthem

O Quam Gloriosum (1572)

Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti. Amicti stolis albis, sequuntur Agnum quocumque ierit.

O how glorious is the kingdom, wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ! Clothed in white robes, they follow the Lamb wherever he goes. Words: Antiphon for All Saints Second Vespers

Communion Hymn Give Me the Faith Which Can Remove



- I would the precious time redeem, and longer live for this alone, to spend and to be spent for them who have not yet my Saviour known; fully on these my mission prove, and only breathe, to breathe thy love.
- My talents, gifts and graces, Lord, into thy blessed hands receive, and let me live to preach thy word, and let me to thy glory live; my every sacred moment spend in publishing the sinner's Friend.
- 4 Enlarge, inflame and fill my heart with boundless charity divine, so shall I all my strength exert, and love them with a zeal like thine, and lead them to thy open side, the sheep for whom the Shepherd died.

Prayer after Communion (silence is kept) Please stand

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People Amen.

Doxology

Presider

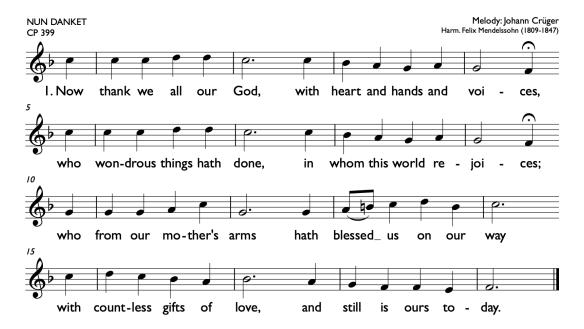
Glory to God,

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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.

Closing Announcements and Blessing

Post Communion Hymn Now Thank We All Our God



- O may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed peace to cheer us,
 And nourish us with grace,
 And guide us when perplexed,
 And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next.
- All praise and thanks to God
 Eternal now be given,
 To Spirit and to Word,
 Who reign in highest heaven:
 Our ever faithful God,
 Whom heaven and earth adore;
 For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore.

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fuga a 5 con pedale pro Organo pleno (The "St. Anne" Fugue)

Fugue in 5 voices, with pedal for full organ J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Notes for the Postlude:

As ever with Bach, there is lots to explain - here goes:

This fugue comes from the back of a book called "The Third Part of the 'Clavier Übung'" which translates as 'keyboard practice/exercise'. These three books (parts) were all written and published during Bach's life time - possibly to earn some money, and to serve as a comprehensive pedagogical work for keyboard players, demonstrating mastery of various musical forms and styles, and exploring musical possibilities related to tuning and expression.

The book is a collection of organ preludes on chorales (hymn tunes) and there is huge symbolism to Martin Luther's ideas of the greater and lesser Catechism: all the compositions on the chorales (except one, and four duets) are presented twice: once as a grand work (a detailed expansion, like a theological sermon) and as a small work (something memorable, such as the Lord's Prayer). Bookending the volume is a Prelude at the start and a Fugue at the end, neither of which are based on chorales. It is the fugue we hear today.

...still with me? Okay, and breathe...

The symbolism of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) runs deep in this fugue. It is divided into three sections: (within that, 3 is an important number for reasons revealed below). In reality, it is three fugues in one piece, as each one has its own subject, although as we will hear, all the subjects eventually combine (three in one, and one in three).

Section one: A grand, stentorian fugue - Bach is writing in the old style that he would have grown up with ('The Father'). 5 parts thickly layered, with quarter notes constantly running through the texture, create this impressive stately sound.

Section two: We enter the time signature of 6 beats in a bar (6 - a factor of 3). Running eighth notes create an opening theme. If this is the 'Son' part of the fugue, we hear the texture starting low and building upwards, much like the gospels of Jesus - towards salvation.

First time this sounds in the tonic, then in the dominant key. However, as this section progresses, we hear the initial 'Father' theme come back, woven in-between this 'Son' texture; much in the way Jesus so often took scripture from the Old Testament, building on it and elevating it into something new. There is an energy through this section, like the energy Jesus brought to the world - it is not so much the King on the throne, but the busy person at work!

Section three: Now in the time signature of 12 beats in a bar, which divides very neatly into four groupings of 3 eighth notes (notice also we have gone from 4 beats in a bar, to 6, and now to 12 as the Kingdom expands!).

This music is, surely, the dance of the Holy Spirit? One cannot but want to stand up and dance in the aisles to this! Phrases bounce off each other - 16th notes run rampant through the texture, like the Holy Spirit infusing our lives, picking up on the running themes of the second section. Towards the end the pedals (feet) thunder through the texture sounding the 'Father' theme, bringing us to the dominant: with one final entry, we are brought back to the home key - note this is the word of God at the bottom of the texture, underpinning everything above it - the dance of the Holy Spirit and the words of Jesus. This is, truly, theology in music - Christianity, represented through living performance: no other composer does this like Bach can.

If you haven't had enough, here's two fun facts:

- The fugue gets its nickname from the English hymn tune, 'St. Anne' which we know as O God, Our Help In Ages Past, the tune of which you hear at the start. (It is highly unlikely Bach knew Croft's tune).
- Bach writes at the start of the Clavier Übung: "for amateurs, and especially for connoisseurs of such work, for the refreshment of their souls,". I'll let you decide how 'amateur' one can be to play this work!

Coffee Hour

After the service please join us for coffee and cold drinks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Archdeacon Ian Grant given by his family.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the Parishes of All Saints, Waterloo; Church of the Holy Saviour, Waterloo; and The Staff of Church House. The Altar Guild would appreciate any donations of **fruits and vegetables** to help with the decorating of the Cathedral for Thanksgiving Sunday. Any financial donations can be put in an offertory plate marked "Altar Guild". All fruits and vegetables will be given to St. Paul's Cathedral Social Services.

Bible Study, Mid-Week Holy Eucharist, Soup – Wednesdays @ I lam.

Presenting the Tuesday Concert Series at St. Paul's.

Tuesdays Live! This Tuesday, October 7th

We are delighted to announce the return of our popular concert series, now on Tuesdays at 12:15 PM. (Moved back from Thursday by popular demand).

This season begins this Tuesday with an extraordinary performance by Michael Bloss, one of Canada's finest organists. Ahead of his upcoming recording, Mr. Bloss will perform the stirring, romantic music of French composer César Franck.

This series offers a weekly dose of musical inspiration, featuring a diverse lineup of organists, instrumentalists, and vocalists. The series concludes on November 25th.

As well as free entry, a complimentary lunch will be provided. Feel free to enjoy your meal with us or take it with you. Please invite your friends.

Experience the majesty of live music and enjoy a free lunch every Tuesday!

Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF)

Help Light the Way for Women and Babies in Mozambique and Madagascar

Imagine giving birth in the dark, with only a flashlight or cell phone for light. That's the reality for many women in rural clinics across Mozambique and Madagascar. But it doesn't have to be. Alongside Hope's Solar Suitcase project equips these clinics with solar-powered kits, bringing bright light, vital medical tools, and peace of mind. Every gift made by October 31 is being matched up to \$150,000, so your impact can go even further. Please give today. Visit alongsidehope.org/solar-suitcase or call 1 866 308 7973 to learn more or donate.

Alongside Hope: Double the Light. Double the Hope

A Solar Suitcase costs \$6,500 to produce, deliver and install, and every gift made by October 31 is being matched, up to \$150,000.00. That means a \$100 gift becomes \$200 of life-changing support to off-grid clinics in Mozambique and Madagascar. Your generosity powers lights, a fetal doppler, and more-giving midwives what they need to safely care for women giving birth and newborns. Let's turn on the power for safe births, together.

Give today at alongsidehope.org/solar-suitcase or call 1 866 308 7973.

Pray, Act, Give: Alongside Hope with Light

"God who proclaimed, 'Let there be light,' who saw that the light was good, be with those who bring light into the world..."

Let us pray for the labouring women and the midwives who care for them across Mozambique and Madagascar. Let us pray for the babies and their safe delivery. Let us act by joining Alongside Hope's Wild Ride or supporting those who do. And let us give to support Alongside Hope's solar suitcase campaign, because together we can make a difference. Every gift made by October 31 will be matched, up to \$150,000.00. To give or learn more visit: alongsidehope.org/solar-suitcase or call 1 866 308 7973.

Today's Liturgical Leaders

Presider – The Reverend Dr. Dawn Davis

Preacher – The Venerable Sam Thomas

Gospeller – The Reverend Pat Henderson

Organist & Director of Music – Laurence Williams

Associate Organist - Olakunle Aoko

Servers - Stephanie Allen, Doug Campbell, Raphael Samuel

Lay Administrants - Pat Binnington, Mary Mitches

Greeters - Jean Willadsen, Mary Mitches

Welcome Ministers - Hazil Malone, Lois Gosney

Bell Ringer – Stephanie Allen

Live Stream - Olakunle Aoko

Children's Ministry – Heather Clark

Warden – Doreen Kyomugisha

The Right Reverend Todd Townshend

Bishop of Huron

The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George

Dean of Huron & Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral

The Venerable Sam Thomas

Senior Associate Priest/Director of Pastoral Care

The Reverend Dr. Dawn Davis

Director of Faith Formation

The Reverend Pat Henderson

Deacon

The Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty

Honorary Assistant Emeritus

The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls

Honorary Assistant

The Reverend Dr. Joshua Samuel

Resident Theologian

Laurence Williams

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Gord Rolleston

Church Warden

Jim Ferguson

Church Warden

Doreen Kyomugisha

Deputy Church Warden

Heather Clark

Children's Ministry

Carrie Fieldhouse

Parish Coordinator