

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
PAUL JOSEPH COUILLARD**



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The Church of the Redeemer, Toronto  
Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## ✠ Burial Sentences

*Sung by the Schola*

*Please stand*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord. I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me,

Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

**Welcome:** The Rev'd Liska Stefko

**Hymn: #381** (Common Praise) "Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven"



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven". It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his  
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vour to our  
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our  
4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish; blows the  
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -  
feet your tri - bute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
fore - bears in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for -  
fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly  
wind and it is gone; but, while mor - tals rise and  
hold him face to face; sun and moon bow down be -  
giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless; al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes; al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on: al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
lu - ia, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
lu - ia, wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.  
lu - ia, praise the high e - ter - nal one.  
lu - ia, praise with us the God of grace.

*Priest:* God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Show compassion to your people in their sorrow. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us, conquered death and by rising again, restored life. May we then go forward eagerly to meet him, and after our life on earth be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear will be wiped away. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

*Read by Margaret Stuart*

## **First Reading**

*Reader:* A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. When you walk through fire you will not be burned. For I am the Lord your God. You are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, Do not fear, for I am with you; everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 43:1-7

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**Response:** "Verleih uns Frieden" (*Felix Mendelssohn*)

*Sung by the Schola*

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich, Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten; Es ist doch ja kein ander nicht, Der für uns könnte streiten, Denn du, unser Gott, alleine.	<i>Grant us peace graciously, Lord God, in our time; there is indeed no other who could fight for us than you, our God, alone.</i>
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## **Second Reading**

*Read by Galen Clark*

*Reader:* A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Draw near to the living stone, the Chosen One who was rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. And, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, a holy temple, to offer your lives to God. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying

for you a cornerstone, one that is highly honoured. The hearts of all who trust in him will never fall to the ground.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

1 Peter 2:4-6

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*Please stand*



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for all and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Refrain**



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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*Please be seated*

# Gospel Reading

Read by David Gates

*Reader:* A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

When Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed." When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will take their places at the banquet with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." And the servant was healed in that hour.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

Matthew 8:5-8, 10-13

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Homily:** Liska Stefko

**Motet:** "The Road Home" (*Stephen Paulus / Michael Dennis Browne*)

*Sung by the Schola*

## The Prayers

*Prayers are offered in thanksgiving for the gift of Paul's life*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Live in char - i - ty, and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
live in char - i - ty; God wil dwell with you.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Priest:* Gathering all our cares into one, let us pray.

*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.**

## Contakion

Antiphon

Give rest un - to your ser - vants with your saints O God,  
give rest, give rest where there is nei-ther pain or  
sor - row, nei-ther sigh - ing, but life ev - er - last - ing.

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## The Prayer of Commendation

*Priest:* Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Paul. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a beloved of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

## The Blessing & Dismissal

*Priest:* May Christ the Good Shepherd enfold you with love, fill you with peace, and lead you in hope, this day and all your days; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Priest:* Let us go forth in peace.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Departing Hymn: #565 (CP) "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

*All sing*



1. Guide me, O thou great Re-deem-er, pil - grim through this  
2. Op - en now the crys - tal foun-tain whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's des - truc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side: songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more,  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to thee,



feed me till I want no more.  
be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee.



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