



Order of Service for April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter
Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.
Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling
Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



**St. Paul's
Anglican Church**
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want
Psalm 23:1

Pre-Service Music: Praise the Father (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn: CP # 520 The King of Love My Shepherd is (screens)

Greeting p 185 (Book of Alternative Services - Green book) (screens)

The Collect for Purity p. 185 (screens)

Glory to God p. 186 (screens)

Collect of the Day p. 339 (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Acts

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23 . . . p. 731 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit

is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2:19-25

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: CP 476 God You Have Caused to be Written (screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will

come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

John 10:1-10

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Homily

The Apostles Creed p. 189 (screens)

The Prayers of the People (screens) (The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

Confession and Absolution p. 191 (screens)

The Peace.... p. 192 (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: In Christ Alone (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts. p. 339 (screens)

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3 (S3)
(screens)

The Lord's Prayer Form 1... p. 211 (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread, Form 8.p. 213
(screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

The Communion p. 212 (screens)

Communion Hymns (screens)
CP # 519 The Lord's My Shepherd
CP # 194 Stay with Us
The Word

Hymn after Communion (Please Stand)
I Will Sing (screens)

Prayer after Communion. p. 340 (screens)

Doxology p. 214 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn:

CP # 231 That Eastertide with Song Was Bright
(screens)

Sending (screens)

You're invited to join us for Coffee, right after the Service, in the Hall.

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.

Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***the congregations of the Western Manitoba area of Manitoba of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod***. In the Moravian Church we pray for ***the Rt. Rev. M. Blair Couch, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province***. Together: ***for our full communion partner churches The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the US-based Episcopal Church (TEC)***.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***St. Andrew, Gleichen and their Incumbent the Rev. Brad Everett*** we also pray for ***Administration & Finance Committee***.

We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands we pray for ***St. Mary, Bequia (bek-way) with Holy Cross, Paget Farm, Mustique; St. Michael, Canouan; and St. Matthias, Union Island and their Incumbent Rev. Canon John Rohim***.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, Cyril Haynes, Sean Devlin, Garry MacDowall and their families.

We pray for the special child our Parish sponsors through Children Believe. ***Heavenly Father***, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Bob & Joanne; Michael; Scott; Kerin; Obiageli Gloria.

For those grieving: the family of Marlene Wright. ***We thank you*** for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together. ***We pray for*** forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. ***We stand in*** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. ***We pray for*** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of our risen Lord,
by Ingrid Bolton, in gratitude for the gift of her daughter, Bianca.*