



Order of Service for May 3, 2026
5th 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

**JESUS SAID,
“I AM THE WAY
AND THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE.
NO ONE COMES
TO THE FATHER
EXCEPT
THROUGH ME.”
- John 14:6**



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

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn: CP # 384 Praise to the Lord the Almighty (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. 340 (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Acts

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Acts 7:55-60

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 ... p. 740 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals

yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:2-10

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: CP 44 I Believe in God Almighty (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, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through

me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

John 14:1-14

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: CP # 408 Wind Upon the Waters (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts. p. 341 (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 # 414 God of the Sparrow.

You are My Hiding Place

Praise the Name of Jesus

Jesus, Be the Centre

Hymn after Communion (Please Stand)

CP # 418 Draw the Circle Wide (screens)

Prayer after Communion. p. 341 (screens)

Doxology p. 214 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn: CP # 403 Let All Things Now Living (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 North India (United)***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***The Rt. Rev. Rod BrantFrancis, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Moosonee***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***the congregations of the Winnipeg area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod***. In the Moravian Church we pray for ***The Rt. Rev. Michael Johnson, 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 ***Christ Church, Calgary and their clergy The Rev. John Wilcox (Interim), The Rev. Adam Bedford, The Rev. C. McPhail Jones (Hon.) The Very Rev. Robert T. Pynn (Hon.), The Rev. Clara King (Hon.) and The Rev. Deacon Daylon Tiltzky*** we also pray for ***the Clergy Conference (May 4 to 7)***.

We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands we pray for ***St. Andrew with Holy Innocents, St. Giles and St. Michael and their incumbent The Ven. Michael Marshall, we pray also for St. John with St. Mark and St. Matthew and their incumbent The Rev. Keba Cuffy and Christ-the-King with St. Francis, on Grenada and their incumbent The Ven. Michael Marshall***.

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,*