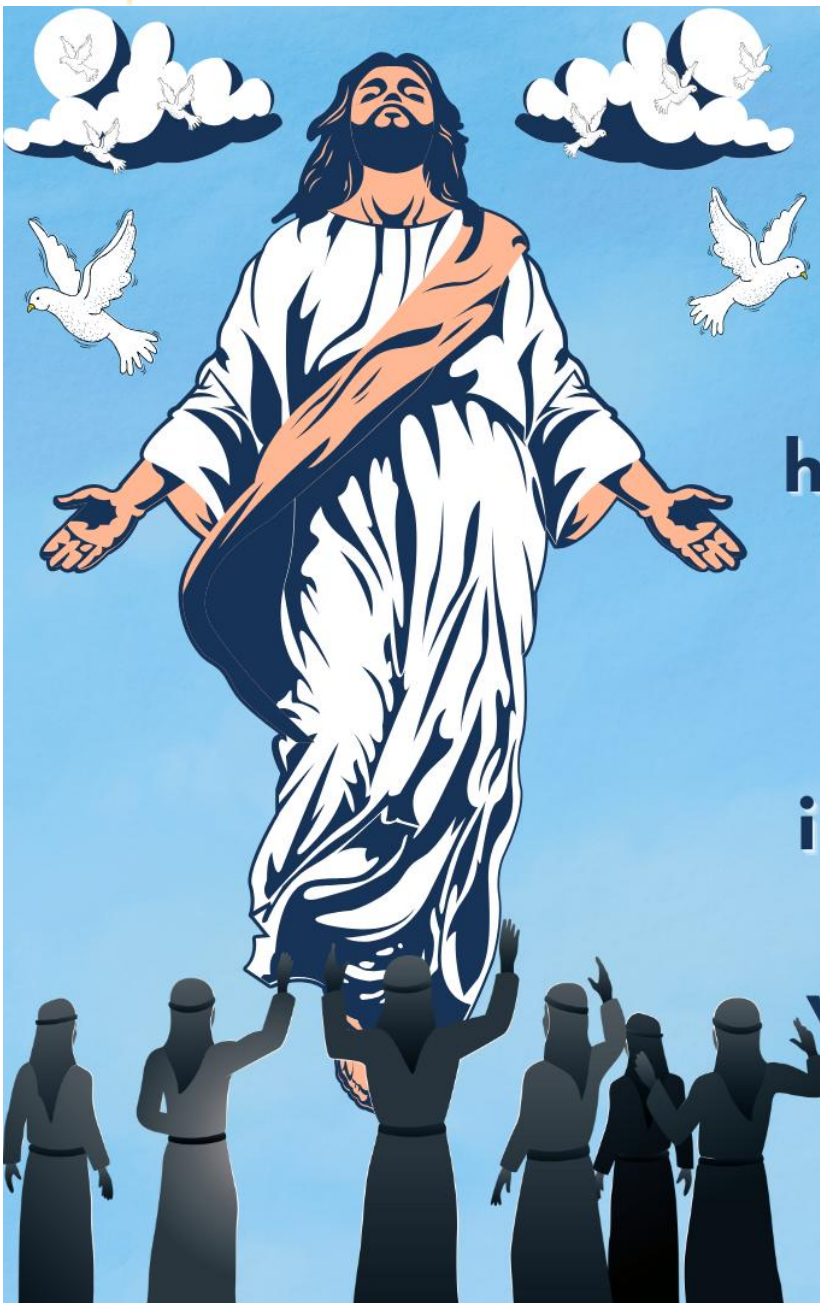




**Order of Service for May 17, 2026**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.**  
**Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling**



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



**While he  
was  
blessing  
them,  
he withdrew  
from them  
and was  
carried up  
into heaven.  
And they  
worshipped  
him  
Luke 24:51**

**Pre-Service Music:** Be Exalted, O God (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Processional Hymn:** CP # 247 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise (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. 343 (screens)

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**The First Reading**

**A reading from the book of Acts**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you

saw him go into heaven."

**Acts 1:1-11**

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 47** p. 764 (screens)

**The Epistle Reading**

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** In Christ Alone (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 Luke.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** The Alleluia (sung)

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses,

the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Luke 24:44-53**

**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 # 379 Rejoice the Lord is King (screens)

**Prayer over the Gifts.** . . . . . p. 343 (screens)

**Eucharistic 6** .... p. 207 (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)

He is Exalted

We Are One

Father, Make Us One

Glorify Thy Name

## **Hymn after Communion** (Please Stand)

Power of Your Love (screens)

**Prayer after Communion.** . . . . . p. 343 (screens)

**Doxology** . . . . . p. 214 (screens)

## **The Blessing**

**Announcements** (screens)

**Closing Hymn:** CP # 374 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***the Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod***. In the Moravian Church we pray for ***The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, 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 ***Church of the Good Shepherd, Calgary The Rev. Cpt. Derwyn Costinak and The Rev. Margaret Hogarth and also for Indigenous Ministries***. We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese ***St. Paul, Calliaqua (kal-ee-akwa) with St. John, Belair The Rev. Canon Ashton Francis and Mothers' Union Diocesan President Mrs. Hermione St. Bernard***.

**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 the Fink, Wray and Mkakatu families, in loving memory of Sharon,  
our cherished sister, aunt and mother. You are with us always.*