



# St Paul's Anglican Church

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Easter 4/Faithworks

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**Incumbent** – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

**Honorary Assistants** – The Rev. Canon Greg Physick  
– The Rev. Susan Tate

**Music Director** – Arlene Gray

10:00 am      **Holy Eucharist BAS**

**Prelude** Pastorale – A.W. Leupold

**Processional Hymn** 223 Christ is Risen

## **Indigenous Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that this church is situated on the traditional territory of the Mississauga peoples and is covered by the Williams Treaties. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile ourselves, and to work for justice and reconciliation with the peoples and the land. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Sentence**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.

*John 10.14*

## **The Gathering of the Community (All Stand)**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

**People May he fill our hearts with joy**

Celebrant Almighty God,

**All 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.**

## **Glory to God**

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

**All and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All O God, whose Son is the good shepherd, send us out as shepherds to seek the lost, to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion; through Jesus, who calls each by name. Amen.**

*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.*

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading – Acts 2:42-47**

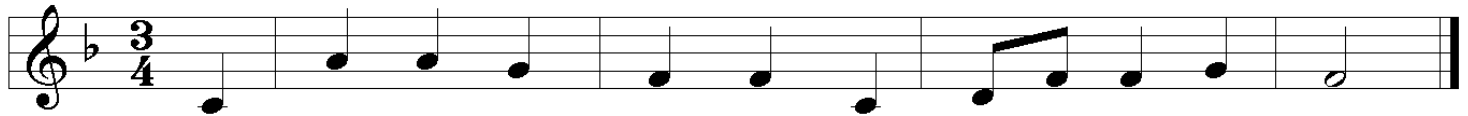
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm – 23**



The Lord is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

### **Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:19-25**

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures 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 good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. 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, having died to 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** 521 Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear 1,2

Reader The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

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

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

**Holy Gospel – John 10:1-10**

“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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn** 521 Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear 3,4

**Homily** Peter Mentis, FaithWorks Campaign Manager

**The Apostles’ Creed**

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the**

**holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of glory!”)

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory! Amen**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant        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*

Celebrant        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.**

Celebrant God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**People Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 5**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

**People (sung) Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

**All Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

### **The Communion**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer, redeemer of the world,**

**Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Currently, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is strictly prohibited for hygienic reason. If desired, you may instead lay your hands on the base of the chalice.*

### **Hymns during Communion**

**Eucharist 1: All Who Hunger**

**1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.**

**Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.**

**You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.**

**Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.**

**We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.**

**Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.**

**Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**Eucharist 2: 85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless**

**Anthem:** Put Peace into Each Other's Hands - arr. Holstein

### **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

### **Doxology**

Celebrant Glory to God,

**All 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.**

### **The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love, this day and every day. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn** – 444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go, serve the world God loves!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Rise Up and Serve the Lord - Walter

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your domain endures through all  
generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all  
he promises and faithful in all he does  
– Psalm 145:13

### **Next Week's Readings**

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

# Announcements

**The Designated Giving for April # 215** for April will benefit **FAITHWORKS**, a program of our diocese that lets us express our Christian kindness and compassion for the most vulnerable in our midst.

**FaithWorks** Thank You to our guest speaker Peter Mentis who helped us understand how much our support means to those who would otherwise remain on the margins of society.

**Refreshment Time Helpers:** The sign-up sheet is looking rather thin for spring. Please consider signing up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

**Pantry Call** We need all sorts including canned meat, pasta noodles and soup for the pantry. All foodstuffs gratefully received. Thanks!

**Grapevine:** Due date May 4<sup>th</sup> so start sending things to Diane Stecher. Thanks

**Training update:** Seven of our Church members have now been trained in the use of Naloxone and the defibrillator in the event of an emergency at our Church.



**Thy Kingdom Come:** who will you pray for this year?

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration for Rev. Bonnie at coffee hour on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day.

**Thank You** to all for the successful **Spring Thaw!**

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us Today.



**Office Hours.**  
Tuesday -Thursday  
9 – 12.

A reminder to wear **nametags**  
**Help others know who you are.**  
**We Strive to be a Scent free space**

**Upcoming choral Concert (incl. St Paul's members)**  
**Kawartha Lakes Singers:** *Classical and Canada Strong* featuring  
Brahms Hungarian Dances - piano duets  
Sunday May 24 @ 2:30 Cambridge Street United Church  
\$25 Adult, \$10 children

