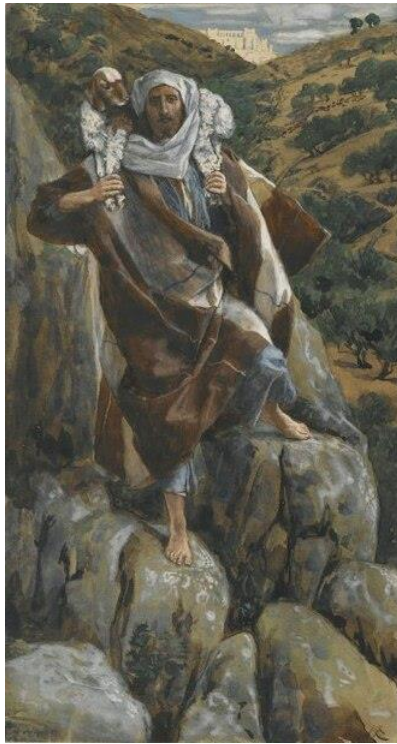


The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
April 26th 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Morning Prayer



Nourishing Faith and  
Community

## Prelude

### Words of Welcome

## Gathering

Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia!**

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth.

**O come let us worship**

## Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God,

**and a great king above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his for he made it,

**and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

**and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice.**

Reading One: Acts 2:42-47

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.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (musical interlude)

*(Text: ps. 23; para. Scottish Psalter, 1650, public domain)*

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:  
he maketh me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
ever for his own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling place shall be.*

Second Reading: 1 Pet 2:19-25

A reading from The First Letter of Peter

*For it is to your credit if, being aware of God,  
you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you*

*endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in 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.*

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Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

**Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

*'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.*

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Message: *Read by Lynda Delaney*

Announcements

Hear O Israel

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is**

**one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

### Prayers of the People

#### The Collect

Let us pray,

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

**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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of  
the Spirit

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək̓ʷəŋən speaking peoples, the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of those worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.

Welcome to all those visiting us at St. Peter and St. Paul.

We welcome saints, seekers and sinners as we live into a life in Christ, learning about and from one another as we worship God together. Christ binds us together in love through our diversity. If you are comfortable, please give us your name and address so we can add you to our weekly prayer list. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

Washrooms are found in the hall, up the stairs, on the right.

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

**In the world wide communion** we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Bishop John Organ; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

**In our region** we pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross, Pastor Lyndon Sayers.

**In our parish** we pray for: Ann Barry, Cindy Bourgeois, Caleb Bourgeois, Cohen Bourgeois, Keith and Keiko Brandsma, Doug Bowen, and Jan Brister.

**In our community** we pray for Neighbourhood House.

For the month of April we pray for all who ministered and contributed to the Soapy Sundries Drive.

We pray for those in our parish preparing for confirmation on May 3rd at 4 pm at Christ Church Cathedral: William Bates; Roland Stacey; Julie Williams.

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