



## 4th Sunday of Easter



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
St. John's, 10am

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In this and all our services the indications to sit / stand are invitations not instructions. Please adopt whatever posture most suits you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Hymn: CA 304 I come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

The Gathering

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**And also with you**

## Penitence and Absolution:

Today and every day  
**Christ is raised**  
**Life is transformed**  
**We are raised**  
**Today and every day**

Today and every day  
**We make mistakes**  
**We hurt each other**  
**We fail to be the people God calls us to be**  
**Today and every Day**

Today and every day  
The God of love and power  
Forgives you and frees you from your sins,  
Heals and strengthens you by his Spirit,  
And raises you to new life in Christ our Lord  
**Today and every day. Amen. Alleluia!**

## The Gloria

**Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;**  
**of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.**  
**We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,**  
**Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,**  
**you bore for us the load of this world's sin.**  
**O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,**  
**receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,**  
**at God's right hand in majesty most high:**  
**who with the Spirit worshipped and adored;**  
**with all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

## The Collect

Risen Christ, Faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep;  
Teach us to what your voice  
And to follow your command,  
That all your people may be gathered into one flock  
To the glory of God the Father  
Amen. **Amen.**

## Reading Acts 2. 42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn:

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still, still waters  
His goodness restores my soul

*And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home*

He guides my ways in righteousness  
And He anoints my head with oil  
And my cup, it overflows with joy  
I feast on His pure delights.

*And I will trust*

And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know

*And I will trust*

*Stuart Townsend*

## The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 10. 1-10

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

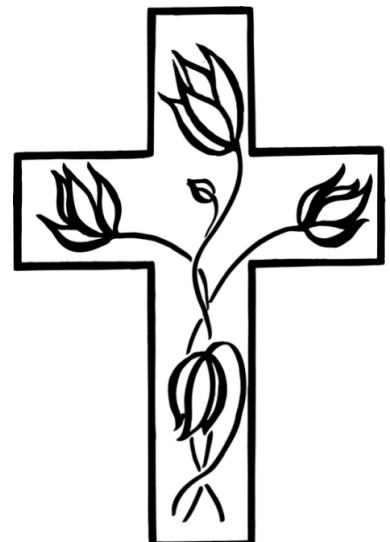
This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



## The Peace

The risen Christ stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you!'  
Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.  
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace:

### Offertory Hymn: AMNS 262

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

## Preparation of the Table

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

God of power and love,  
by your Holy Spirit,  
draw the scattered flock of Christ into a visible unity  
and make your Church a sign of hope to our divided world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,  
loving and faithful, holy and strong.  
You made us and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

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

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer - As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*We sing*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*You are welcome to receive communion: bread and wine which are the  
body and blood of Christ. Please indicate whether you would like to  
take the wine from the common cup (also known as the chalice) or for  
the bread to be dipped (also called intinction). Gluten free bread  
(wafers) are available at the altar; please let us know when you come  
up. If you would rather not receive communion simply remain seated,  
or come up for a blessing instead.*

## Hymn CA 584 Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labours of my hands  
can fulfil thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyes shall close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-78)

## Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
And in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
Keep us always under his protection,  
And give us grace to follow in his steps;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

## Notices, Junior Church Feedback

### The Blessing:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ who out of defeat  
brings new hope and a new future  
fill you with his new life,  
and the blessing of God Almighty  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you  
this joyful Eastertide and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Dismissal

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Hymn CA 187 Forth in the Peace of Christ

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
kingship with him his servants gain;  
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
the world of time to consecrate,  
the world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:  
he claims our minds to search his ways;  
he claims our lips to speak his truth;  
he claims our hearts to sing his praise.

We are his Church, he makes us one:  
here is one hearth for all to find;  
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;  
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

James Quinn (b.1919)

## **Safeguarding**

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**Don't forget our Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
this coming Tuesday 28th April  
Following the Celtic (Iona) Communion Service  
7.30pm for 8.05pm**

Papers are available to pick up now  
and read in advance.