

26 April 2026

10:30 a.m.



Good Shepherd Window, St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

4th Sunday of Easter

St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall
Director of Music: Donald Russell, ARCO

Heritage  *Faith*  *Vision*
St. John's ~ A National Historic Site ~ Founded 1753

Music before the Service

Prelude founded on an old Irish air

C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing together:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

378 Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

OPENING GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, 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.

KYRIE

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

THE COLLECT

Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name, and how anxious we are, and how often we stray. Let us hear your voice above the clamour, that we may always find our way home to you. For you are God, who lives in holy community with Christ, and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the 1st 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.

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us
Thanks be to God.

The choir stands to sing the Psalm,

Psalm 23

Organ
Choir and Congregation
The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not be in want.

1 The Lord is my / shepherd: * therefore can I / lack / nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green / pastures: * and leads me be- / side
still / waters. **Refrain**

3 He shall refresh my / soul: * and guide me in the paths of
righteousness / for his / name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear
no / evil: * For you are with me; your rod and your / staff, they /
comfort me. **Refrain**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble
me: * you have anointed my head with oil and my / cup · shall be / full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my /
life: * and I will dwell in the house of the / Lord for / ever. **Refrain**

Sitting, we listen to the 2nd 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.

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Standing, we sing:

GRADUAL HYMN

520 The King of Love my Shepherd Is Dominus Regit Me

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sitting, we listen to the sermon.

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

Brother James's Air

J. Bain / arr. M. Wilberg

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Shepherd of our hearts, give us ears to hear, and hearts to follow where you lead. Deepen our faith and call us to share with you in prayer that we may find rest for our spirits and courage for the journey.

God of light and love, hear our prayer.

Shepherd of our minds, quiet our anxiety, increase our peace, and give us the joy of learning. We pray especially for students, teachers, writers, readers and all who seek knowledge of your goodness in the many ways it is made known.

God of light and love, hear our prayer.

Shepherd of healing, we pray that you will anoint us with blessing in all the places in us, in our loved ones and in our world that are aching and at war.

God of light and love, hear our prayer.

Shepherd of our souls, be with us in all the places we find ourselves, places of stillness, turmoil, comfort and renewal. Be with those who are dying and those who have died, and help us to know they are held in your loving care forever.

God of light and love, hear our prayer.

Loving Shepherd, you hold our lives from beginning to end, and invite us to your table where we are surrounded by your goodness and mercy. Give us grace to listen and to embrace your promises and to share them faithfully all our days.

Amen.

Standing for:

THE SHEMAH

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 great commandment.

The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

491 The Head That Once Was Crowned

St Magnus

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive these gifts, O God, and transform us through sharing them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand your call to follow you faithfully all our days. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures, to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us; your love remained steadfast. When we were enslaved in Egypt, you broke the bonds of slavery, led us through the sea to freedom, and made a covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh, you lived

among us manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, singing with angels and archangels and all the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart and met violence and death. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, giving thanks and saying, "This cup is the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins, Do this in remembrance of me."

In remembrance, we take from your creation this bread and this wine, and celebrate his rising to new life, as we await the day of his coming again. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you, to be a living, holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that as we share this meal, our eyes will be opened to recognize Christ with us. By your Spirit, make our hearts burn

within us, that we may recognize and welcome him as host and anticipate the day when we will feast with him in heaven. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever, **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

THE COMMUNION

(in both kinds – the bread and the common cup)

AGNUS DEI

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Standing, we pray the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Christ. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

375 At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C

Jules Massenet (1642-1912)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANTED: Choir Members. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, we would gladly welcome new members. No experience is necessary but experienced singers are very welcome. The Director of Music, Donald Russell will be available after the service or contact him by email at russell.kimberwick@mc.com

This week in the life of the church:

St. John's Heritage Foundation (Meeting Room)

Monday, 5:00 p.m.

Family Play Group (Lower Hall)

Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Church choir practice (Church)

Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Assisting with the Service today:

Lectors: Wendy Dean, Andrew Griffin

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shephard

Live Stream Tech: Ron Wall

Greeters: Ron Wall, Annalise Wall, Andrew & Hannah Griffin

Assisting with the Service next week:

Lectors: Heather Eisenhauer, Ron Wall

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan

Live Stream Tech: Hans Van Nie

Greeters: Peter Smith, Jim Eisenhauer, Jim Shephard, Jane Ritcey, Wilfred Moore



Easter Memorial Gifts in Loving Memory

William & Beverly Cluett

from Richard, Rachel Jane & Grandchildren

& great granddaughter

Loved Ones from Jane Ritcey & Wilfred Moore.

Loved Ones from Russell & Gailyn Risser

Loved Ones from Kathy Anderson

Stan & Violet Skinner, Gordon Conrad & Marilyn Ruttan

from Rose & Terry Conrad & Family

Loved Ones from Maureen Moffatt

John & Dorothy Meisner from the family

Loved Ones from Johanne McKee

Alfred & Mary Dauphinee & Julie Knickle.

from Rosalie & Darrell Knickle & Family

Loved Ones from Margaret Shirley