



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, WE GATHER ON THE TRADITIONAL AND UNSURRENDERED TERRITORY OF THE HALQ'EMÉYN-SPEAKING COAST SALISH PEOPLES. WE SEEK TO WALK A PATH OF RECONCILIATION AND HEALING WITH ALL.

**10 am Eucharist
Easter 4
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*Whether you have been a lifelong Anglican or are new to our tradition, we welcome you this morning! If you are not familiar with Anglican worship, simply allow the words, music and symbols to speak to you. Participate as fully as you feel comfortable in doing. We stand to sing and sit to listen. Some people kneel for prayer, some sit and some stand. Please do what is comfortable for you. You are invited to join in the words in **bold type**. Music for the songs is found in the blue Common Praise or green Songs for a Gospel People hymnbooks in the pews.*

Prelude

Welcome

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Gathering Hymn

'There's a Wideness in God's Mercy'
Common Praise 606 (tune Gott Will's Machen)

**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

**There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.**

**Foolish hearts, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Presider: May God's grace and peace be with you.

People: **May God fill our hearts with joy.**

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish peoples.

People: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.

Young People's Time

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ 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: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 23

‘The King of Love My Shepherd Is’
Common Praise 520 (tune Dominus Regit)

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight:
thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter,

¹⁹ For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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. ²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

²³ 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. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

'Glory to God Who Does Wondrous Things'
Common Praise 457 (tune O Filii et Filiae)

**Glory to God who does wondrous things;
let all the people God's praises now sing;
all of creation in splendour shall ring: alleluia!
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**See how salvation for all has been won;
up from the grave our new life has begun;
life now perfected in Jesus the Son: alleluia!
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Now in our presence the Lord will appear,
shine in the faces of all of us here;
fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: alleluia!
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: 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. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for

him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn continued

**Call us, good shepherd; we listen for you;
wanting to see you in all that we do;
we would the gate of salvation pass through: alleluia!
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Lord, we are open to all that you say,
ready to listen and follow your way;
you are the potter and we are the clay: alleluia!
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Teaching

The Rev. Stephanie Shepard

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray to faithfully follow the will of God. To the bidding, “Shepherd of our souls”, please respond “lead us into life”.

Guard the Church from false teaching and all error. Give those who are ordained as shepherds the humility and wisdom to guide and nurture the flock. We lift up all bishops, priests, and deacons in their daily responsibilities. Lead your pilgrim people in the right way to follow their Lord through the gate that leads to abundant life and in turn lead others to find the way. Shepherd of our souls,

All: Lead us into life.

Leader: Shield the peoples of this world against those who would destroy the innocent and lead astray the ignorant. We remember those places and situations in our world where there is conflict, oppression, disaster, and need....Pause here...

Grant all in authority wisdom to discern the way that is compassionate and just, and bring about the fullness of living which is God's will for all creation. Shepherd of our souls,

All: Lead us into life.

Leader: Make us wise guides in places where we may have influence, helping our families, friends, colleagues, and neighbours. Bless all who are leaders in our faith and civil community and grant them the courage and will to work for the common good.

Shepherd of our souls,

All: Lead us into life.

Leader: Have mercy on all who have lost their way through bad advice or false teaching. Forgive us for thoughts and actions that have hurt others and ourselves. Restore us to abundant life in Christ.

Shepherd of our souls,

All: Lead us into life.

Leader: May the voice of our Lord bring peace, hope, and healing to wounded souls. We pray for those in need of healing, especially those we name now silently or aloud... pause here...

Help us to walk with each other in our hurts and joys as one flock in Christ. Shepherd of our souls,

All: Lead us into life.

Leader: We remember those who have passed through the gate of death and entered into eternal life... pause here...

We rejoice with them in the promise of life more abundant than this world can give, where Christ calls us to be with him in glory.

Shepherd of our souls,

All: Lead us into life.

Leader: May our prayers be acceptable in the name of Christ, the Good Shepherd of his sheep.

All: Amen.

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbours,
respecting their comfort with distance and touch.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Hymn

'Draw the Circle Wide'

Common Praise 418 (tune Browning)

Refrain: ***Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.***

**God the still point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held for ever,
in God's gracious arms.**

Refrain

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.**

Refrain

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.**

Refrain

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,

All: **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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

ELW Eucharistic Prayer IV

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn as we sing:

Sanctus

Common Praise 735 (Schubert)

**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!**

Presider: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bring the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With this bread and this cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth burning with justice, peace and love.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, Blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: In the language closest to your heart,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

You are invited to use either the traditional or contemporary version in English or the language you find most helpful for 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 today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who
sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

Agnus Dei

Common Praise 747 (Schubert)

**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.**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God bids you welcome to this table. Here we are strengthened for the journey. Here strangers become friends and the seeker finds God's wisdom speaking to them. See who you are and become what you see. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. You receive the fullness of Christ's love if you prefer to take one kind (just the bread or the wine). If you would prefer to have a blessing, please let the priest know.

During Communion

'Deck Yourself My Soul with Gladness'
Common Praise 78 (tune Schmucke Dich)

**Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness;
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendour,
there with joy your praises render
to the Lord whose grace unbounded
has this royal banquet founded;
Though all other powers excelling,
with my soul he makes his dwelling.**

**Lord, I bow before you lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder
all your mighty works I ponder-
How, by mystery surrounded,
depth no one has ever sounded,
none may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that in you are hidden.**

**Shining Sun, my life you brighten;
Radiance, you my soul enlighten.
Joy, the best of all our knowing,
Fountain, swiftly in me flowing:
At your feet I kneed, my Maker-
let me be a fit partaker
Of this sacred food from heaven,
for our good, your glory given.**

**Jesus, bread of life, I pray you,
let me gladly here obey you;
Never to my hurt invited,
always by your love delighted;
From this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
Through the gifts your hands have given,
let me be your guest in heaven.**

Anthem- HTC Choir
VU 703 'In the Bulb There is a Flower'

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayers after Communion

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: 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,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider: 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, now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Hymn

'We Will Lay Our Burden Down'
Common Praise 545 (tune Laying Down)

**We will lay our burden down,
We will lay our burden down,
We will lay our burden down,
In the hands of the risen Lord.**

**We will light the flame of love...
As the hands of the risen Lord.**

**We will show both hurt and hope...
Like the hands of the risen Lord.**

**We will walk the path of peace...
Hand in hand with the risen Lord.**

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude



Liturgical Ministers today

Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:	Anne Parker
Greeters, 10 am:	Gerry Rowse & Susan Switch
Reader:	Allison Clavelle
Chalice Administrators:	Carol Murdoch & Jackie Lewis
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Stephanie Shepard
Server:	Greg Kennelly
Crucifer:	Linda Gravlin
Guest Musician:	Cameron Engel
	<i>& the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir</i>



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Monday Family Film Night, 6-9 pm in the Lounge
Tuesday Women's Prayer Group, 11 am - noon in the Cathedral
Wednesday Midweek Eucharist, 9:30-10 am*
Wednesday Fellowship Time, 10-10:30 am in the Lounge
Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 am in the Lounge
Thursday Vespers, 5:30-6 pm via Zoom+
Saturday Community Brunch, 11 am- noon in the Hall
Sunday BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am.*
Sunday Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am.*

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Next Sunday's Readings for Easter 5, May 3, 2026:

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