

EASY PRINT – Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2026

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: #378 – “CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS” (v. 1, 2, 4)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

✠ The Easter Greeting

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

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

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.**

The Gloria: #366 – “GLORY IN THE HIGHEST GLORY”

All sing



1. Glo-ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.
2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, Lamb of God, for sin-ners given,



Wor-ship, thanks, and praise un-ceas-ing to the Source of all we raise:
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma-ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign-ing in the sap-phire height, hid-den from our mor - tal sight,
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re-ceive our a-dor-a-tion, as we make our sup-pli-ca-tion.
with the Spir - it there u-nit-ed, and the God-head high ex-alt - ed.

The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Please be seated

Those who welcomed Peter's message and were baptised, 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 2.42-47

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm #23 – “THE LORD’S MY SHEPHERD”

Please remain seated & sing

The Lord’s my shepherd; I’ll not want.
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by;
he leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet water by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for his own name’s sake; within the paths of righteousness,
e’en for his own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
And thy rod and staff me comfort still; 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;
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 forevermore
My dwelling place shall be; and in God’s house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be; and in God’s house forevermore

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Please be seated

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure 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 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Peter 2.19-25

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Sequence Hymn: AAH #471 – "PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND"

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm,
through the night, lead me on to the light,
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

The last two verses will be sung; after the Gospel.

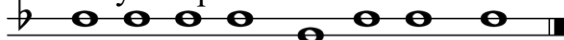
The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

All:



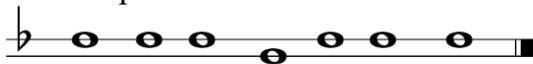
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 10.1-10

All: A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eight notes: B-flat, C, D, E, F, G, A, and B-flat. The notes are connected by a horizontal line, and there are small circles above each note. The staff ends with a double bar line.
Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last two verses will be sung; after the Gospel.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, I love Your name, when I look back from whence I came;
Sometimes stumbling, sometimes falling, sometimes alone,
Friends and loved one I love so dear, many are gone, but still I'm here;
Take my hand, precious Lord, and lead me on.

Sermon

Please be seated

The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or spirit

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

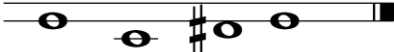
All: **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel or be seated

The Leader offers prayers for the church, the world, the sick and the suffering, and those who have died.

Leader: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,

All: 

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel. In the Mississauga deanery, we pray for In our parish, we pray for ..., let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That his resurrection might give hope to those who mourn, and shed eternal light on those who have died, remembering ... for whom the memorial flowers are offered, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty God,

All: **you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*At this time we share from the abundance of our lives and give to this community
so that we may create abundance for others who live in scarcity and need.*

If you feel moved to give, you may place an offering in the alms basin as it is being circulated.

Offertory Hymn: (AAH #424) – “SAVIOUR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US” *All sing*

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for your use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, though has bought us, thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when they pray;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, hear thy children when they pray.

Thou hast promise to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed, early let us turn to Thee

Early let us seek Thy favour; Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and lonely Saviour, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, thou hast lov’d us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, thou hast lov’d us, love us still.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Priest: At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Priest: After supper he took the cup of wine and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope:

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Priest: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Priest: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All sing, unaccompanied

Presider:

People:



As our Sav-iour taught us let us pray. Our Fath - er in hea-ven,



hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in hea-ven, Give us to - day our dai - ly bread,



For - give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial. And de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

*Music: M. Robinson
Theodore Presser Co.*

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

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

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

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

Priest: Live in us that we may live in you.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Priest: If you are joining us from home, please pray with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.

Online: Jesus, you are the Risen Lord, which no tomb could hold and no locked door could keep out. Though I cannot physically partake of your body and blood, give me the assurance and grace of your presence, that I, in communion with the Church, may also live in the power of your resurrection.

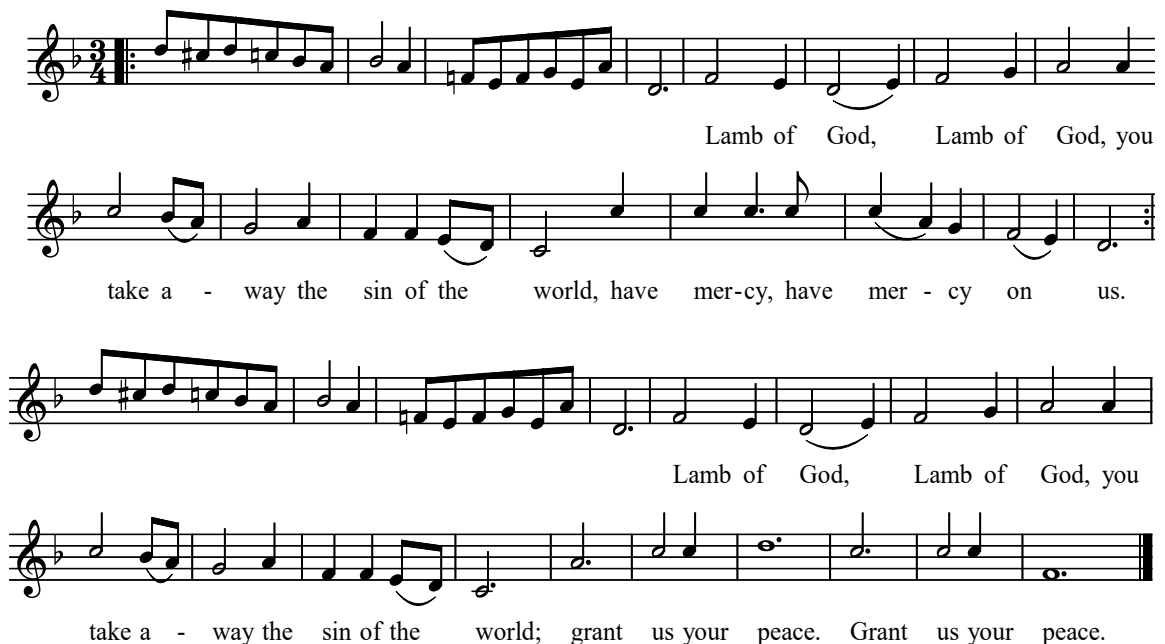
All: **Amen.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All sing



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

The Communion

Those who have been baptized in any Christian church, including children, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not been baptized yet or do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to alert the priest you wish to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn: “MY WORLD NEEDS YOU RIGHT NOW” BY KIRK FRANKLIN *All sing*

Show me your face fill up this space my world needs you right now
My world needs you right now I can't escape being afraid.
Fill me with you right now my world needs you right now. **[repeat]**

Power fall down bring with it a sound that points us to you right now
Erase substitutes right now fix what I see and God please fix me
My world needs you right now let us see you right now. **[repeat]**

Communion Hymn: AAH #321 – “SPIRIT SONG” *All sing*

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love,
let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove,
Will descend upon your life, and make you whole,
Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill your
lambs.
Oh, come and sing this song with gladness, as your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name,
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus's name.
Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Prayer after Communion

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God *Please rise in body or
spirit*

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

Priest: God, who by the Resurrection of his Son, has given us the gift of new life, fill you with the assurance of Christ's love and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God + Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you, through Eastertide and always.

All: **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn: #379 – “REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING” (V 1, 2, 5)

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus, the judge, shall come
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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