

Welcome to St Timothy's

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 21st, 2024

In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

The Shepherd

How sweet is the shepherd's sweet lot!
From the morn to the evening he strays;
He shall follow his sheep all the day,
And his tongue shall be filled with praise.

For he hears the lambs' innocent call,
And he hears the ewes' tender reply;
He is watchful while they are in peace,
For they know when their shepherd is nigh.

— William Blake

William Blake (1757 –1827) was an English poet, painter, and printmaker. Largely unrecognised during his life, he is now considered a seminal figure in the history of the poetry and visual art of the Romantic Age.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Andante religioso

(Alexandre Guilmant)

(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn:

465, Here in this Place, New Light is Streaming

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light-years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in-all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

(Gather Us In, vs. 1, 3, 4)

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant: 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 (sung)

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,**

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

read by Richard Balboss

The next day the Jewish rulers, the Jewish elders, and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander were there. Everyone from the high priest's family was there. They made Peter and John stand before them. The Jewish leaders asked them: "By what power or authority did you do this?"

Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. He said to them, "Rulers of the people and you elders, are you questioning us about a good thing that was done to a crippled man? Are you asking us who made him well? We want all of you and all the Jewish people to know that this man was made well by the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth! You nailed him to a cross, but God raised him from death. This man was crippled, but he is now well and able to stand here before you because of the power of Jesus! Jesus is 'the stone that you builders did not want.

It has become the cornerstone.'

Jesus is the only One who can save people. No one else in the world is able to save us."

Acts 4: 5 – 12 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The children leave for Sunday school.

For Psalm 23: 519, The Lord's My Shepherd

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.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make within the paths
of righteousness even 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.

(Crimond)

A Reading from the First Letter of John

read by Gloria Shaw

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

1 John 3: 16 – 20, 23 (NRSV)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Vulpius 211)

The Gospel

read by Rev. Carol Shih

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

John 10: 11 – 18 (NRSV)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Vulpius 211)

Homily

Rev. Irina Dubinski

Silence is kept.

For Rev. Irina's blog visit

<https://irinasart.ca/spiritual-reflections/>

or scan the QR code.



Questions for Reflection on Psalm 23

1. Consider the challenges that currently weigh on your mind, or decisions to make and directions that you will need to take in the near future. What practices or habits help you stay connected to the divine presence, and keep you open to receive God's assurance and guidance when needed?
2. Is there one particular image in this psalm's portrayal of a rural/natural landscape that to you conveys most fully the sense of peace, safety, and fulfillment? As a contemporary urban dweller, do you find it possible to find this imagery comforting or powerful?
3. Is there a real place on earth where you felt a strong connection with something greater than yourself? What made it so?

Anthem: **Non nobis Domine**

Non nobis, Domine,
Sed nomine tuo da gloriam.

*Not to us, O Lord,
But to Your name be the glory.*

(Rosephanye Powell)

The Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith and hope in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,
 from whom every family
 in heaven and on earth is named.
 We believe in God the Son,
 who lives in our hearts through faith,
 and fills us with his love.
 We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
 who strengthens us with power from on high.
 We believe in one God;
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

led by Marian Archbold

*(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you during the prayers
of the people and respond as indicated.)*

Leader: ... The Lord is our Good Shepherd:

All: there is nothing we shall lack.

Celebrant: Loving Lord, we thank you for this opportunity to pray, and ask you to answer our prayers in the way that is best for us. In the name of Jesus we pray.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

520, The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my Savior gently leads me,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feeds me.

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 you, dear Lord, beside me,
your rod and staff my comfort still,
your cross before to guide me.

You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!

And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

(St. Columba)

If you wish to make a donation and would like to use a donation envelope, they are available at the back of the church.

You can also donate online through Canada Helps – just open your camera app and scan this code.



If the collection plate doesn't reach you and you have a donation, please hand it to a greeter as you leave the church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: 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.**

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship
with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others,
you confront us in your love

and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.
Therefore we raise our voices
with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing:

**All (sung): 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.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Holy One.
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 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."

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,
and proclaim our hope.

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

Celebrant: 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.

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

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All (sung): 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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pascha Nostrum (sung by all)

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.

Alleluia!

(Engelberg)

All persons are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing as appropriate at our services. You may choose to receive both the bread and the wine or just the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask the priest for these as you come to receive. If you choose to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you stand at the altar rail.

Communion Hymns:

Christ Is the Shepherd Strong

Christ is the Shepherd strong,
whose flock is incomplete
till welcomed outcasts all belong
and foes in friendship meet;
whose wounded hands of grace
stretch out upon the Tree,
embracing all the human race,
and setting captives free.

Christ is the gentle Nurse
who treats the wounds within
of grief, abuse, addiction's curse,
captivity, and sin;
who sits beside us still
to comfort, cleanse, and mend
with wisdom, purity, and skill:
our Healer and our Friend.

Christ is the peaceful Prince,
accepting pain and loss
to break the spell of violence
in anguish, on the Cross;
who suffers and outlives
our fear, revenge, and hate,
till we forgive as God forgives,
and better ways create.

Christ is the Teacher true,
who leads, yet walks beside,
to nurture gifts and visions new,
suggest, correct, and guide;
whose earthly life displays
the depth of love divine;
for whom our witness and our praise
continue and combine.

(Terra Beata)

620, How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

(St. Peter)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: 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.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the
risen Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant: 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May 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 among you and remain with you always

All: Amen.

Community Notices

Recessional Hymn:

524, O Christ the Great Foundation

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the
weak,
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
shall lead His church victorious, their champion and their
head.

The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings,
the final consummation, the glory of all things.

(Aurelia)

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Paraphrase on Judas Maccabaeus

(Alexandre Guilmant)

(Performed by Edward Connell)

**Our worship is over
– our service begins.**

New to St. Tim's?

Are you new to St. Tim's?

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to join us.

Please consider completing a **Newcomer Information Card** (*ask a member of the Welcome Team*) or contact Ashani directly

416-488-0079 or office@sttimothy.ca so that we can

accurately record your information in the parish directory and ensure you are kept up to date with news and events.



Coffee Hour

A warm welcome is extended especially to all visitors and newcomers. Please join us for refreshments in Soward Hall.

Your hosts today will be
Andrea and Eric Gall.

All refreshments served are **nut-free**. **Gluten free** options are also available.

Week of April 22nd to 26th



The Office is open for in-person drop ins on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this week from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

Please call ahead and **make an appointment** if you wish to meet with a specific member of the clergy or staff.

Want to Donate Towards Altar Flowers?

Have you wanted to donate towards altar flowers on a Sunday but did not know how this works?

Please refer to What's Happening for the details or call Ashani in the office, and she will explain the process and check available dates, etc.

This Week at St. Timothy's

- *Morning Prayer with a Thought for the Day* will be broadcast online via Zoom **every morning (Monday to Friday) at 9:30am.**
- *ESL Conversation and Practice* every **Tuesday at 11:00am** in Soward Hall.
- *Tuesday Tea* every week **from 2:00 – 3:00pm** in Rev. Irina's office.
- *Meditation Through Art* (non-religious) **every Wednesday at 10:00am** in the Library.
- *Mid-Week Eucharist* every **Wednesday at 11:30am.**
- *St. Andrew's Group* meets online via Zoom **on Wednesday at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship.
- *Yoga Classes* conducted by Mandy Azhadi (\$20 per class paid directly to the instructor) **every Thursday** in Soward Hall.
 - **Chair Yoga at 10:00am:** classes for older adults and those experiencing mobility or other challenges.
 - **Mat Yoga at 11:00am:** Please bring your own mat.
- *A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Witness of Jeffrey Ludlow* on **Saturday, April 27th at 2:00pm** followed by a reception in Soward Hall.

- **Next Sunday, April 28th – *The Celebration of New Ministry of Rev. Irina Dubinski***
 - **8:30am: In-Person Adult Christian Education** in the Parlour.
 - **10:00am: In-Person & Online Holy Eucharist**

 - ***Sunday Children’s Programming*** takes place alongside the 10:00am service after the priest’s message to the children.
 - *Through the month of April and up to Pentecost Sunday, the children will be writing a play and preparing to act it out. This program will be facilitated by Sparx.*
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Prayer List:

Please pray with us this morning and throughout this week for the following:

The Anglican Church of Canada: Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Chris, our National Indigenous Archbishop; Andrew, Riscylla and Kevin, our college of bishops; Irina, our incumbent; Carol, our Asst. Curate; Ann, our Honorary Assistant.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Vocations for Ministry: Ordained, Lay and the Religious Life.

Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Clement, Eglinton, its weekly community lunch program, scholarship programs in

Haiti and for Indigenous students in Canada, refugee sponsorship, and support of the Flemingdon Park Ministry and food bank as well as agencies providing supportive housing for vulnerable people in the community;

for St. Cuthbert, Leaside, its community garden, support of Flemingdon Park Ministry and Flemingdon Park Food Bank, Moorelands Community Services, clothing collection for New Circles Community Services and All Saints Community Centre, support for women leaving shelters, and participation in refugee sponsorship;

and for St. Cyprian, its support of Neighbour Link community services, the Mission to Seafarers, Flemingdon Park ministry, community garden, and other local and global outreach.

Our Community: Fairlawn United Church.

Our Parish Families: George, Carolyn, Allison & David Hill; Celia & Katie Hitch; John & Jennifer Holden; Jocelyn E. Hollo; Edward, Julia, Tabitha & Genevieve Hood; Oliver & Victoria Horton; Todd, Pat, Simon & Jill Houghton; Shirley Hoy; Augustine Hung; Virginia Hunter.

Those Celebrating Birthdays: John Stittle (21st); Etaoin Sinclair (24th); Genevieve Hood (27th).

Those in Need: Doug Scott; Allethia Liburd; Julia Cuppini; David Scott; Nicholas; Gregory Ludlow; Myrna Robb; Barbara Brown; Sabrina Apitz-Grossman; Jack Nixon; Nilanthi; Colin Campbell; Jean Jones; Sheila Goodwin; Julie Western Set; Don Fraser.

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Our Vision

**"Living our faith in Jesus Christ
with Open Arms, Open Hearts, Open Minds"**