

The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026

The flowers at the altar are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God
by Geoffrey Sangwine in loving memory of Anthony Sangwine
and in thanksgiving for serving as Rector at SPSS for the past ten years.



COVER IMAGE: JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD - ST PETER'S CHURCH, TIBERIAS, HOLY LAND.

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 9.00 A.M.

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.
For the readings please see 10:30 am.

CHORAL EUCHARIST AT 10:30 A.M.

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Assisting The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
 Grace Rockett
Servers Vincent Wong, Elijah-Ashrey, Fen Nanton, Gary Toneguzzo
Communion Minister Russell Smith
Musicians Mervin Fick - Director of Music
 Parish Choristers
Mass Settings Gloria – *A Community Mass, David Hurd*
 Sanctus/Benedictus & Agnus Dei – *Deutsche Messe, F. Schubert*

We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude “*Sheep May Safely Graze*”

J.S. BACH, ARR. S.D. WOLFF

Hymn 372 *Praise to the Holiest in the Height*

GERONTIUS

Greeting

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant

May His grace and peace be with you.

All

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.

Gloria

D. HURD

Celebrant

Glory to God in the highest,

All

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

Celebrant

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. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson *Acts 2.42-47*

Read by Paul Mitchell

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 520 (Psalm 16) *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ST COLUMBA

Epistle 1 *Peter 2.19-25*

Read by Mealica Smith

Reader A reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If 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. ²¹For 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.” ²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 620 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

ST PETER

The Holy Gospel *John 10.1-10*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily *Please be seated*

Choir *‘Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep’*

PHILIP LEDGER

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Celebrant 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. 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.

Prayers of the People

Led by Ian Corlett

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and the world saying, 'Hear us Lord of glory'.

The prayers follow. The Celebrant concludes:

Gracious and loving God, grant these our prayers as may be best for us.
Bind us in love to those for whom we pray this day,
and to one another in genuineness of faith,
that Christ may be seen in all we do and say;
so, may your name be praised, today and all days. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the confession of sin. Then is said:

Celebrant 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.**

The Absolution is pronounced.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 441 *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

SURREY

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.**

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the Paschal Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he was won for us eternal life. Therefore joining our voices with the whole company of Heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,** COMMON PRAISE #735
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 We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, " Take, 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.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

CP HYMN BOOK 744 - ARR. GEORGE BLACK

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.
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.**

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.
Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Communion

- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not receiving communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when at the altar.
- Communion is administered at the High Altar, and standing at the St Peter's Altar in the south aisle
- Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health.
- You are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.
- Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.
- Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing will be administered in the north and south aisles.

Agnus Dei

COMMON PRAISE # 747

All **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.**

Communion Hymn 76 *Thee We Adore*

ADORO TE

Motet *'This Joyful Eastertide'*

ARR. CHARLES WOOD

Prayer after Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant God of steadfast love, watch over your 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.**

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.**

Blessing

Choir *A Clare Benediction*

JOHN RUTTER

Recessional Hymn 206 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

LLANFAIR

Dismissal

Celebrant Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves. Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude *Fugue D Major*

J.S. BACH

**Please join us for a reception in the Parish Hall
to celebrate Father Geoff's ministry at SPSS
as he moves to his appointment as Sub Dean and Vicar
of St James' Cathedral in May.**

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: The Church of Nigeria.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Vocations for Ordained Ministry.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: St. David Anglican-Lutheran Church, Orillia, its community breakfast program, Autism Play Group, Pride ministry, counselling services through the Harmony Centre, and community garden, and its support of the Living Water Project, Orillia Pregnancy resource Centre, Greenhaven Shelter for Women, and Simcoe-Muskoka Child and Youth Advocacy Centre; St David Donlands-St. Andrew, Japanese, its Open Door weekly parent and caregiver drop-in, art classes for youth and community performing arts events, food garden, refugee sponsorship, support of St Monica's Food Bank, Eastview Community Centre's food access programs, and Flemington Park Ministry, and outreach to the Japanese-Canadian community; St Dunstan of Canterbury, its donations of knitted goods to Scarborough Canterbury Hospital, its twinning relationship with a First nations community in northern Manitoba, and fundraising program to support local and global outreach.

Parish Cycle: Surbhi Singh, Robert Sloane and family, Mealica Smith.

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Evelyn Baird, Glenna Charles, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Ivaline Jonas, Marian McPherson, Denise Orioux, Everton Morris, Rex Southgate, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobolds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.



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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

SERVICES

Sunday 9.00 am
 10.30 am

Weekly Holy Eucharist (BCP) - In the Chapel of Holy Spirit
1st and 3rd Sundays: Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite
2nd Sunday: Choral Matins (unless announced)
4th Sunday: Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
5th Sunday & Evensong: - As Announced

Wednesday 11.00 am

Weekly Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite