



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Offertory: The Lord's My Shepherd

CP 519

Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer and anointing are available every Sunday in the lobby during communion.

Eucharistic Kenyan Rite

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

We have come together, the people of God drawn by His Spirit, longing for His word to praise the Holy name of the Lord to share His glorious news of grace to pray for our needs and the pain of the world to rejoice in His love and be sent in His peace.

Priest: Is the Father with us?

All: He is!

Priest: Is Christ among us?

All: He is!

Priest: Is the Spirit here?

All: He is!

Priest: This is our God!

All: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Priest: We are His people!

All: We are His people!

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. **The Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want**
2. **Once Again**
3. **Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Prayer after Communion:

Priest: Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing to live and witness for You in the power of Your Spirit through Jesus Christ, the Firstborn from the dead.

All: Amen.

Closing Blessing

God sends us into the world, under His blessing.

Priest: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Priest: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Priest: All the devil's works

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to those who are new or visiting today—we're glad you're here!

Children and youth go straight to the Parish Hall for Sunday School upon arrival at the church. For children who prefer to stay with their parents, activity packs are available from our ushers.

We are celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries today.

Processional: **I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

Call to Worship

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Collect of the Day (*together*)

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 Saviour and Lord. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

God invites us to hear His word.

First Reading: Psalm 23

Reader: Tricia Bacchus

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Reader: Isuru Weerasekera

Sermon: Canon Stephanie

Musical Meditation: **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**
CP 520

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Dan Reynolds

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Priest: All our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ.

The Blessing

Recessional: **Go Now in Peace**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **The King of Love my Shepherd Is CP 520**

Offertory **The Lord's My Shepherd CP 519**

Recessional hymn **O God, Your Constant Care and Love CP 517**

Readers:

1st Reader: Jacob Ladipo

2nd Reader: Pauline Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPOTH Youth Community Clean-up Day

TODAY, April 26 | 11:30–1:00 pm | At the Church

We invite our **SPOTH Youth Group** to help care for our neighbourhood! This event is a chance to make a visible difference, work together as a team, and learn the value of stewardship and community service. We will pick up litter, tidy public spaces, and help create a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming environment for everyone.

Let's make our community shine! Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Brief Meeting about Bill C-9

TODAY, April 26th | After the 10:00 am service

Upstairs Fellowship Room

Some parishioners have asked to know more about Bill C-9 and its implications for churches. Our Primate wrote a letter to the Prime Minister about the proposed amendment to remove the “in good faith” and “religious text” defense exemptions from Criminal Code Section 319(3)(b). Today, Canon Stephanie will meet with those interested to hear people's concerns and suggest action items.

Ushers' Luncheon | Wednesday, April 29th

The Ushers' Luncheon is taking place **this Wednesday, April 29th, from 12:00 to 1:30pm**. Please join us for a thank-you lunch for our ushers, to offer a brief introduction to *Invite, Welcome, Connect*, and to give thanks for retiring ushers, including Sharlah Barter, usher coordinator, and Ivan Hunte.

If you are interested in becoming an usher, we would love to have you join us!

To register, please contact Tiara at the front office by emailing officeadmin@stpaulsonthehill.com or calling 905-839-7909.

New to St. Paul's? Join Us for Lunch!

We're hosting a **Newcomer Luncheon on Sunday, May 3rd**, right after the **10:00 a.m. service**. If you'd like to learn more about St. Paul's, and get to know others in our community, we would love to have you join us. Lunch is included—we hope to see you there!

You can **sign up in the narthex**, and if you have any questions, please feel free to speak with **Pastor Mabel** or email her at mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Frauds and Scams Presentation

Thursday, May 14 at 10:15am

Upstairs Board Room

Women at St. Paul's will host a presentation by **EAPO (Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario)** on frauds and scams.

This informative session will offer practical guidance to help protect yourself and your loved ones. This event is open to **all seniors; both men and women are warmly welcome**. Cookies and juice will be provided.

To **RSVP**, please email women@stpaulsonthehill.com or call the church office at 905-839-7909.

Lemonade on the Plaza | Starting Sunday, May 17

Spring is here, and with it the return of our summer fellowship on the plaza! We invite you to be part of this joyful time of connection by volunteering to host a Sunday—simply provide and prepare lemonade to share with the community. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We'd love to have you join in!

Family Planting Day – Let's Plant Together! 🌱

Sunday, May 31 | 11:30 am-2:00 pm

Join us for a fun, hands-on Family Planting Day where children and families can learn about and enjoy God's creation.

Led by our parishioner Yvonne Nunes and the Pickering Garden Club, children will plant seeds, learn how to care for growing plants, and explore creative ways to reuse everyday materials—like turning newspaper into planting cups! Each child will take home 3–4 small pots with planted seeds to watch grow. Children who are able to share their progress will also be invited to the Pickering Garden Club in the fall for a special certificate presentation. For more information and to register, contact Pastor Mabel at mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of my daughter, Michele James honouring

her birthday on April 12, given by her mother Gloria Went; daughter Chanelle; her son Shane; granddaughter Eden; grandson Michael; and brother Michael.