

Order of Service – April 20, 2025 – 10:00AM Easter Sunday
Preaching: Pastor Bart • Presiding: Pastor Rick
Music Erica and The Choir

Welcome to worship!

If you are a visitor today, please pick up a gift bag and learn more about our programs at the Welcome Table at the back of the narthex. Grab a coffee and mingle following the service. A family friendly area is available in the Gateway to sit with other parents or to allow your children to enjoy some snacks following the worship service and Sunday school. If your children require a quiet place during the service, feel free to take them to the narthex near the fireplace area where we have few quiet toys for them to enjoy.

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to come forward for communion. If your children have gone through communion instruction, they are welcome as well. If they are not taking communion, please bring them forward for a blessing. If you would like personal prayer this morning, you are invited to meet with our prayer team in the narthex either before or after you have taken communion. Individual prayer is also available following the service.

Special Easter Video

PRELUDE SONG: Easter Song

Hear the bells ringing, they're singing that we can be born again
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing, "Christ is risen from the dead!"
The angel up on the tombstone said, "He has risen, just as He said.
Quickly now, go tell His disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!"

Joy to the world!
He has risen, hallelujah
He's risen, hallelujah
He's risen, hallelujah, hallelujah

Hear the bells ringing, they're singing that you can be healed right now
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing: "Christ, He will reveal it now!"
The angels, they all surround us and they are minist'ring Jesus' power
Quickly now, reach out and receive it for this could be your glorious hour

Joy to the world!
He has risen, hallelujah
He's risen, hallelujah
He's risen, hallelujah, hallelujah

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OPENING HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (LBW #151)

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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LIGHTING THE CANDLES • WELCOME

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia

OPENING PRAYER

All: Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we invite your presence into our worship this morning and consecrate this time to you. Be glorified in the preaching, in the singing, our praying and our meditation on your word. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus, to forgive the iniquity of our sin.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open
All desires known, from You no secrets are hidd'n
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
By the power of your Spirit
That we love and magnify your name

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P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Silence for reflection]

P: Most merciful God...

All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen

THE GREETING

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

C: and also with you.

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy (2x)
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy (2x)
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy (2x)
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

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RESPONSIVE EASTER GLORIA

Gloria! [Gloria!] Gloria! [Gloria!] In excelsis [In excelsis] Deo! [Deo!]
He is risen! [He is risen!] He is alive! [He is alive!]
Alleluia! [Alleluia!] Now glorified! [Now glorified!]
We praise you! We bless you! We worship and magnify you!
Gloria! [Gloria!] Gloria! [Gloria!] In excelsis [In excelsis] Deo! [Deo!]
He is risen! [He is risen!] He is alive! [He is alive!]
Alleluia! [Alleluia!] Now glorified! [Now glorified!]

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PRAYER: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

ALL: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY: PASTOR BART

CHILDREN'S SONG: Because of You

There's a place where the streets shine with the glory of the Lamb.
There's a way, we can go there, we can live there beyond time.

Pre-Chorus

Because of You, because of You;
Because of Your love, because of Your blood.

No more pain, no more sadness, no more suffering, no more tears,
No more sin, no more sickness, no injustice, no more death.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

All our sins are washed away, and we can live forever.
Now we have this hope because of You.
Oh, we'll see You face to face, and we will dance together
In the city of our God, because of You.
There is joy everlasting, there is gladness, there is peace.
There is wine ever flowing, there's a wedding, there's a feast!

Because of You, because of You
Because of Your love, because of Your blood

Chorus

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FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65:17-25 NIV

¹⁷ "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. ²⁰ "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

PSALM 16 NIV

¹ Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."
³ I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."
⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.
⁵ LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.
⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.
⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.
⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,
¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26 NIV

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death

came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go, shall we go? (2x)
You have the words of eternal life, O Lord (2x)
Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go
Shall we go, shall we go?

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GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-12 NIV

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: Thine Is the Glory (LBW #145)

Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay

CHORUS

Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won

Lo Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets thee, scatters fear and gloom
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing
For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting

CHORUS

No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life
Life is nought without thee; Aid us in our strife
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

CHORUS

SERMON: PASTOR BART

CHOIR ANTHEM: The Power of the Cross (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. Mark Hayes)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you.

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your Goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY OF GOD

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is ight to give him thanks and praise

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are full of you glory (repeat)

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are full of you glory,

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in Heaven...

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O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen!

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us, Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen
With every tribe and every tongue we join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble when You stand Christ the Victor?
Who was, and is, and is forever

Chorus 2

Coda

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen
With every tribe and every tongue we join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah! Amen

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

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Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till sun shall rise and set no more

Blessings abound where'er He reigns
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blessed

CHORUS

To our King be highest praise, rising through eternal days
Just and faithful He shall reign, Jesus shall reign

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name

CHORUS

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honor to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen

CHORUS x 2

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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please see attached

CLOSING HYMN: Now All the Vault (LBW #143)

Now all the vault of heaven resounds in praise of love that still abound,
"Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear, repeat their song of glory here,
"Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!"
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Eternal is the gift he brings; wherefore our heart with rapture sings,
"Christ hath triumphed! Jesus liveth!"
Now still he comes and give us life and by his presence still all strife
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above,
That we conquer through your triumph
Grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we ever say,
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heavenly blessed sing,
"Christ hath triumphed! Hallelujah!"
Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God
All the glory never ending!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Text: Paul Z Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. |Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

THE SENDING

P: Go in Peace.
C: Serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Rick: Mon 10:30 AM–1:30 PM
Tim Bauer: Mon & Tues 1:00–3:30 PM
Pastor Bart: Wed 1:00–4:00 PM
Staff Meeting: Wed 10:30 AM –11:30 AM

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE:

Apr	20	Sun	8:30 AM	Easter Sunrise Service
Apr	20	Sun	9:00 AM	Easter Breakfast
Apr	20	Sun	10:00 AM	Easter Service, NO Sunday School or Youth Group
Apr	23	Wed	5:30 PM	Study Healing Prayer and Gifts – Basement – Pastor Bart Leading
Apr	23	Wed	7:00 PM	Survey of the Bible - Gateway Room – Darrell Leads
Apr	26	Sat	9:00 AM	Cochrane Food Bank - 20254 Food Drive
Apr	27	Sun	10:00 AM	Sunday Service, Sunday School and Youth Study
Apr	29	Tues	10:00 AM	Ladies Study in the Gateway Room C.S. Lewis - Elaine Knudtson Leading
Apr	30	Wed	5:30 PM	Study Healing Prayer and Gifts – Basement – Pastor Bart Leading
Apr	30	Wed	7:00 PM	Survey of the Bible - Gateway Room – Darrell Leads
May	3-4	Sat-Sun	All Day	Cochrane Trade Show - St. Peter's Booth
May	4	Sun	10:00 AM	Sunday Service, Sunday School and Youth Study

Youth Group Meetings

- You are always welcome to bring a friend or family in grades 5-12
Any Questions contact Cindy Tester at cindytester@saintpeters.ca

COCHRANE FOOD BANK – 2025 FOOD DRIVE APRIL 26, 2025

There is a need for volunteers to assist with the annual Helping Hands Food Drive. If you're able to help with going door to door (require 8 people) or if you're able to be a driver (require 4 drivers) for Saturday morning, April 26th, please call/text Betty Porter at 403-796-6812.

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH SURVEY

What do you think of when you hear that word? What thoughts come to your mind? Pick up a copy of a survey this morning. It will help Pastor Rick and the outreach team gauge where we see evangelism and outreach fitting into our life as a follower of Christ. This help us determine training, information and education that will help us move forward in mission and to equip us with tools to face the challenges in sharing the message of Jesus to our community. Your input is necessary and appreciated. Drop off your filled in copy at the information table or return to Tim in the office. Thank you!

COCHRANE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRADE SHOW – May 3 & 4

We are excited about participating in the upcoming Chamber of Commerce Cochrane Trade Show on May 3-4. A group met this past week to talk about logistics. We need volunteers to sign up to be at our booth. Cindy Tester will be available following the service to schedule you into a time slot. Are you worried about what say to people? Pastor Rick (who has many years of experience in this area) is putting together some conversation-openers that will help you. We are going to gather together on Sunday, April 27 (the Sunday prior to the Trade Show) following church for a brief conversation as we prepare for this opportunity to be visible in our Cochrane community.

GOOD VIBES MEMORY CHOIR – UPCOMING CONCERT – SATURDAY, MAY 10 @ 3PM

SAVE the date! We invite you to join us for *Put a Little Love in Your Heart*, Good Vibes Memory Choir's spring concert. This 40-voice choir will warm your heart and get your toes tapping (and singing along too, no doubt!). "So good! So good! So good!" (guess which song??) Admission is by donation. Please bring a friend.

LADIES STUDY

End of Life Conversations: Gospel Ministry To The Dying

Tuesday, May 6,13,20 and 27

We have many questions around the topic of Medical Assistance in Dying and it's important to look carefully at scriptures as our guide. In these 4 sessions will look at a variety of subjects surrounding dying and we will consider how we might engage our family, friends and neighbours in a conversation around the topic when it will come up. Join Pastor Rick for these important discussions.

OUTREACH FOUNDATIONS - A Preaching Series

As Pastor Rick continues to move forward in the outreach initiative at St.Peter's, a clear biblical and theological foundation is helpful. During the months of May and June, he will be sharing these foundations through a four-part preaching series.

May 8	Mission Impossible: From Evangelism to Vocation
May 18	Faithful Presence: A non-violent apologetic in your conversations
June 8	Your Story Matters: The language we speak to a post-Christian world
June 22	On the Road Again: Engaging strangers in conversation like Jesus did

GUITAR LESSONS

Beginner guitar classes are resuming Sundays after church. Come if you have any interest. Bring your own guitar, but you can also borrow one from the church if you have need. Contact Pastor Bart

VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC) 2025 IS COMING UP ON AUG 11-15!

We are excited to host Hastings Lake leaders again, who will provide the fun and faith-filled Day Camp program for children in Grades 1 – 6 and runs from 8:40 - 3:00 PM each day. There will be no Preschool program this year. There is a maximum number of 45 children.

Registration is via Hastings Lake Bible Camp website hastingslake.com, and the registration cost to families is \$65 per child. Registration is open now, so don't delay!

A host of volunteers are needed. Please see detailed update in this weeks Care & Info email.