



**The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 26, 2026 - 10 am**

**Order of Morning Prayer**

**Officiant ~ Ruth May**



*Morning Prayer*



## Opening Hymn

*Gather – 311, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*



### ✘ Acknowledgement of Territory

**We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Anishinaabe peoples, on whose land and by whose waters we gather to worship, listen, learn, share and heal together in the name of our creator, the Holy One of Blessing.**

### ✘ Invitatory

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the fire of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Together we will say*

“Resurrection”

**Let the voice of God’s praise resound;  
\* he gives life to our souls.**

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\* he gives life to our souls.**

**Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
sing the glory of his name.  
He gives life to our souls.**

**Come now and see the work of God,  
how wonderful he is toward all people.  
He gives life to our souls.**

**He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot.  
He gives life to our souls.**

**There we rejoiced in him.  
In his might he rules for ever.  
He gives life to our souls.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Let the voice of God's praise resound;  
\* he gives life to our souls.**

**"Song of Good News"**

**Go up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of joy; lift up your voice in  
strength, Jerusalem, herald of joy;**

**Lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah:**

**"Behold your God! Behold, the Lord comes in might, comes to rule with  
his mighty arm; behold, his reward is with him, his recompense before  
him. Like a shepherd will he feed his flock, gathering the lambs in his  
arms; he will hold them to his breast and gently lead those with young."**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the  
beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

## ✘ Collect of the Day

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. Amen.**

Creator God, send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world, that the whole creation, in its groaning and striving, may know your loving purpose and come to reflect your glory; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ✘ Liturgy of the Word

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

They 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.

ACTS 2:42-47

Listen for the leading of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*Gather – 29, Shepherd Me, O God*



## ✘ THE GOSPEL

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O 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."

JOHN 10:1-10

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

✘ *Reflection: Ruth May*

✘ **The Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
**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 to the dead. 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.**

### **✕ The Prayers of the People**

#### **Offertory Hymn**

Gather – 527, Prayer of Peace



### **✕ The Prayer Over the Gifts**

**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.**

### **✕ Thanksgiving Litany**

(Let us give thanks to God our Creator, always and for everything, saying, “We thank you, Lord.”)

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,  
revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think and hearts to love,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest  
and play,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering  
and faithful in adversity,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

**We thank you, Lord.**

[Today we give thanks especially for . . .

**We thank you, Lord.]**

For (. . . and) all the saints whose lives have reflected the light  
of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

Let us pray:

**We thank you, God of life and death.**

**Christ facing death on the cross gives us courage;**

**Christ rising from the dead brings us hope.**

**The dawn breaks and gives us light for the new day. Amen.**

## ✘ Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## ✘ The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Hymn

Gather – 313, Sing to the Mountains



# CHRIST CHURCH BOLTON

## PRAYER LIST

Prayer is a powerful way to connect with God and offer support to those in need. We would like to invite you to take just a few minutes each day to pray for our church family, friends, and neighbors listed in our prayer list.

<b>Laura</b>	<b>Pat</b>	<b>Brianna</b>
<b>Terry</b>	<b>Vera &amp; Family</b>	<b>Ann</b>
<b>Marg</b>	<b>Mary Stone</b>	<b>Kayleigh</b>
<b>Bill &amp; Dorothy</b>	<b>Gerri Hill</b>	<b>Don H. &amp; Family</b>
<b>Mike Bewcyk</b>	<b>Brian</b>	<b>Lena</b>
<b>Susan</b>	<b>Christina</b>	<b>Bryan Hilborne</b>
<b>Virginia &amp; Imants</b>	<b>Yvonne &amp; David</b>	<b>Bob</b>
<b>Helen</b>	<b>Margaret</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>

If you wish to have a name added to the prayer list, please go to <https://christchurchbolton.ca/prayer-requests/> or call/email the church office.

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