

Alongsiders' Prayers for April 2026

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast.

1 Corinthians

5: 7-8

Scripture Readings:

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-18

Mary Magdelene was the first one at the tomb and saw that the stone was rolled away. She left and ran to tell the disciples that Jesus was gone from the tom. She thought the rulers had taken His body. After seeing the empty tomb, the disciples went away. Mary then spoke to a man thinking he was the gardener. When He spoke her name, she knew it was Jesus. He told her to tell His disciples that He was returning to His Father, their Father, His God and their God. He is alive! It is true Jesus is alive for all time. The Lord of life cannot be held by death. God's victory over sin and death means that new life for us is a reality.

Collect: Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in Him and have made all things new in Him.

May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with Him in glory, who with You and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

Lord God, we pray for the church to proclaim with joy your message of hope to the world. May our lives show the truth of the Resurrection. We pray for mercy and healing for all who are injured and sick. We pray for families to live in peace and harmony. We pray for those in great sorrow and for those who are dying or recently passed. Bring them your comfort. May we never take for granted the precious gift of life but to live it fairly in your love. Thank you, Father, for your grace and mercy; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

John 20:29

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2: 14, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1: 3-9

John 20: 19-31

Jesus appeared to His disciples in a locked room and wished them peace. He showed them His hands and side. They were overjoyed to see them. Thomas was not there at the time and didn't believe. A week later Jesus appeared again and He told Thomas to put his hand in His side and Thomas believed. Jesus told Thomas and is telling us today we are blessed because we have not visually seen Jesus, but we know and believe He is alive in each one of us because of all He is doing in our lives day by day. Through Jesus we have a living hope!

Collect: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We bring to you, Lord, our nation, our world, our governments and leaders for your peace. We ask for your love to surround those who are doubtful of your resurrection. We pray for all our loved ones to know you and your love for each one of us. We lift to you, O Lord, the sick, the hungry and the neglected in our society for your comfort, healing and inner security. We pray for those fearful of death, have mercy on us all, forgive us all that is past and gather us into your everlasting kingdom of peace and joy; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak.

Luke 24: 32

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2: 14, 36-41

Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17

1 Peter 1: 17-23

Luke 24: 13-35

Simon and Cleopas were walking on the road to Emmaus when Jesus came upon them and started walking with them. At this point they were kept from recognizing Jesus. He asked them why they were so downcast, so they told Jesus everything that had happened. He told them how slow of heart they were to believe what the prophets had spoken about Jesus having to suffer and then enter glory. Finally, when they stopped and sat at a table to eat, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and gave it to them. They immediately recognized Him. They believed that the Lord had risen! How many times has Jesus been on the road with you and you didn't recognize Him? Open our eyes, Lord, to see you on our daily walk. Help us to use the scriptures as our guide to daily living.

Collect: O God, your Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Him in His redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Loving Father, walk with us on our journey of faith. Open our hearts and minds to your truth. Help us all walk in the right direction that leads to love and kindness to family, friends and neighbours. Continue correcting us when we go wrong. Walk with us in times of suffering and heartbreak and help us to trust you in dark times. Walk with those who are close to death or have died and welcome those into the joy of heaven. Thank you, Father; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

April 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my own and my own know me.
John 10: 14

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2: 42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2: 19-25

John 10: 1-10

Jesus tells us He is the good shepherd. He is the gate for the sheep. He is referring to us as His sheep and says we will be saved. We will have life and have it to the fullest. Jesus loves us and cares for us. He doesn't want us to be lost to the wrong things of this world that can corrupt and destroy us. We should devote ourselves to prayer and praise of our faithful and loving shepherd.

Collect: O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of 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.

Jesus is the good shepherd. He has come so we may have life in rich abundance. We pray for our church, our congregation, our Bishop Samuel Rose, and our Minister Rev. Sam Butler for their shepherding of us. We pray for guidance and direction to follow in your way even when it is difficult. Give us courage and strength to follow the right way. We pray for the weak, the suffering. We pray for healing and wholeness. We pray for those who have gone home with You to glory. Give us comfort in our grief. Good Shepherd, thank you that in you we are able to live through the good and bad with you with us; in Jesus; name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace