



St Paul's Hampton

*Growing spiritually and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*

May 7, 2017

Easter 4

9:00 am Holy Communion | Book of Alternative Services
10:30 am Holy Communion | Book of Alternative Services

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 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.

This Sunday's Readings:

ACTS 2:42-47 (9am – Lorraine) *The early church, newly filled with the Holy Spirit, is radically committed to the apostles' teaching and to one another. The apostles themselves perform awesome miracles while everyone shares their belongings willingly, eating and worshipping joyfully in common. This deeply impresses all who see and many choose to join their amazing community.*

PSALM 23 (p.731 BAS – Lorraine/Myra) *The Psalmist sees the Lord as a good shepherd who looks after his flock, abundantly providing for them even in difficult circumstances. Goodness and mercy characterize a life lived in his fold.*

1 PETER 2:19-25 (Pat/Debbie O) *St. Peter likens Christians to strayed sheep who have returned to Jesus their true shepherd. Although he was innocent he suffered for their sins, freeing them to follow in the paths of*

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righteousness. Peter points out that if they now suffer unjustly they are following Jesus' example who also suffered, and in Jesus can be certain of God's approval and vindication.

JOHN 10:1-10 - *In John's Gospel Jesus refers to himself as both the door of the sheepfold and the shepherd whose voice the sheep know. They enter by him and are saved and pastured by him, and by no other. Under his care they enjoy truly abundant life.*

Reflections:

In the gospel this morning Jesus uses the image of 'the shepherd' as a model for leadership. Sheep herding is not as familiar a sight to people now as it was then. What are some of the more popular models for leadership these days?

How are the most popular models for leadership these days similar or different from Jesus' model of leadership?

How do followers of Jesus allow him to exercise his leadership in their lives today?

St Paul's Prayer Corner

Mission of the Month: Coverdale Center for Women

International: Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias

Diocese: Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

Deanery: Parish of Renforth: Rev. Eric Phinney, Retired Clergy: Rev. Dr Lee Whitney

Parish: Rev. David & Family, Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

Parishioners: Helen Tayes, Kathy Gallagher, Gale Arsenault, Jackie Bettle, Dawn Lent, Paul Robichaud, Sylvia Campbell, John Ibbotson

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