

ORDER OF SERVICE

8 May 2022 – Tannum Sands

Easter 4

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King	TIS 111	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Spirit song (O let the Son of God enfold you) In your hands (I'm so secure)	SCE 392/TIS 655/ P&W 477 SCE 221	
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Wayne
Song	I am carried	P&W 835 CCLI #2191081	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Acts 9:36-43	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
Message	<i>Listening to the Shepherd</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Have Faith in God	SCE 400/CCLI 1305992	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication			Rev Allan Smith
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	This is my body	SIS 284	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	The Lord's my shepherd	TIS 10	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song			

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Frankie
Song Selector	
Piano	Boy Band
Backup Singers	
Additional Music	
Sound System	
Data Operator	
Power Point Producer	
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 23*)

The Lord God is my shepherd, I shall not want.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and lovingkindness shall pursue me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord God forever.

Let us worship God.

SONG [Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord God - we need you - we need you every hour of every day. We need your support, your love, your helping hand. We need, O God, your word to guide us, your Spirit to inspire us, your strength to hold us up. Be present with us at this hour of worship. Help us to bless your most holy name. Make us the people you want us to be. We ask it in the name of the risen one, Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

SONG [Spirit song \(O let the Son of God enfold you\)](#)

[In your hands \(I'm so secure\)https://youtu.be/9j07fbld3uY](https://youtu.be/9j07fbld3uY)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Whenever we find ourselves waist deep in stress,
you float us on your living waters until we are at peace.

As we try to race down every road and alley of endless meetings,
you put up a detour sign directing us to your joy.

When we find ourselves empty from chasing down the shadows of sin and death,
you are setting out a picnic in grace's garden of delights,
handing us a slice of bread spread with hope's sweetness.

Though we try to flee from the very life we are longing to discover,
you slow us down until mercy and goodness can catch up with us so, hand in hand,
we can race to your house where we are welcomed in all the moments to come.

Be our Shepherd in this life,
God in Community, Holy in One,
as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather around to watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and loss are ignored.

Yet you refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery, Gracious God, but offer it to us without any hesitation. You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice; the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, follow us all the days as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Salvation belongs to our God!
At the cost of his own blood,
the Lamb of God has washed you clean.
You who follow Christ
can never be snatched out of his hand.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
be at peace for your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [I am carried https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKsbd5UqKkc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKsbd5UqKkc)

BIBLE READINGS

[Acts 9:36-43](#)

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)

[John 10:22-30](#)

SERMON [Listening to the Shepherd](#)

SONG [Have Faith in God](#)

OFFERING

Jesus, Good Shepherd, we thank you for the ways in which you have enfolded us in your love and called us by name to follow you. May these gifts and our lives offered in your name, be used to enfold others in your love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of resurrection hope, you offer courage to all who are in despair. You offer new life to all who mourn. You call your servants to work acts of kindness in your name. Use us, as your willing servants, to offer your courage, new life and kindness to each one we meet. (Acts 9:36-43)

God of all nations and every people, your promise of eternity without hunger or thirst, without mourning and pain is one that needs to be heard in every land. Bring your spring of the water of life to all who live in fear. Break down the barriers that divide us. Remove our fear and prejudice and make us one in you. (Rev 7:9-17)

God of all seasons, your reign is endless and your love is eternal. You have called us into your flock and you will never let go of us. Even if we turn away, you will not let anyone snatch us out of your hand. We pray for those who do not yet know they are living within in your inclusive love. Help us to look at each person as one of your own. (John 10:22-30)

God of green pastures and dark valleys, you offer hope to all who call upon you.

This morning, we pray especially for...

Even though they may walk through the darkest valleys, we know you can guide them with your comforting peace. Anoint them with your overflowing blessings. (Ps 23)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG [This is my body](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9oCNwIA6xLc>

SONG [The Lord's my shepherd](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now, following the voice of the shepherd.
Fear no evil, for God is by your side.
Devote yourselves to the works of God,
to words of mercy, to good deeds and to acts of love.

And may the grace...

HOLY COMMUNION: Easter 4 Year C

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you are the shepherd
who guides us to springs of life-giving water.

You spread out creation like a rich banquet and,
forming us from the dust of the earth,
you raised us to life and opened our eyes.
You chose a people to be your flock,
tending them with goodness and love.

Your child, Jesus, came working in your name.
You placed those who belonged to you
into the safety of his hands
and they recognized your voice in him.

When he was cast into death's dark valley,
you raised him to new life.
Now he lives forever
and shepherds all who look to you for salvation.

You wipe the tears from our eyes
and spread a table before us
so that we might feed forever
from your abundant goodness
and hunger and thirst no more.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...