



Digging Deep, Reaching High

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters...
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
(Psalm 23, verses 2 & 5)

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025

Dear Members of our Holy Trinity Church Family,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord.

Easter is a fifty-day season in which we are invited each year to enter more fully into the good news of our Lord's resurrection, knowing through the mystery of our faith that death has no more power over us, and that we are truly free.

At about the midway point of our Easter journey, on this the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear the familiar words of Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd." The psalm, which so many of us know by heart, reminds us of God's faithfulness in good times and in bad. Whether we find ourselves walking through the valley of the shadow of death, or in green pastures set beside still waters, the rod and staff of our Good Shepherd unfailingly comfort us, and faithfully guide us as we make our life-long journey as disciples.

The ministry of stewardship is equally a journey in faithfulness. In good times and in hard times, God asks us to freely and cheerfully give of our time, talents and treasures as we faithfully join with God to bring healing, justice and mercy to our world. *Digging Deep, Reaching High*, our annual spring stewardship program, helps to give focus to this journey. As has become our custom, in the time preceding Pentecost we dedicate four weeks at Holy Trinity to intentionally thinking and praying as a congregation about the ministry of stewardship. We share stories, hopes, reflections, challenges, and questions, and we listen for how God is calling all of us to participate in God's mission in the year that lies ahead.

We are also all invited, as each of us is able, to contribute to **Holy Trinity's Pentecost Appeal**. You can use the special offering envelope enclosed with this letter to make your contribution to the appeal, or you can visit our parish's website, www.ValleyAnglicans.ca, to learn more about the many ways that you can support Holy Trinity. Now in its fourth year, our annual Pentecost Appeal has thus far raised more than \$17,000 to support the life and ministries of our Holy Trinity congregation, becoming a major contributing factor to Holy Trinity's overall financial health. All of our ministries, including worship, pastoral care, education, and outreach, have benefitted from the proceeds of the appeal, and we have grown in strength as a community thanks to your generous and faithful support.

At the heart of Psalm 23 is a vision of divine abundance. A banquet table is prepared where grievances are reconciled, and warring hearts of stone are transformed into loving hearts of flesh. Like royalty, the heads of all God's beloved people are anointed with holy oil, and we are then entrusted by God with the cup of everlasting life, which cannot help but overflow and be shared with all of creation. As we prepare to mark the 100th anniversary of our current church building this autumn, I invite us all as God's people at Holy Trinity to hold fast to this vision of divine abundance. God is forever faithful, empowering us to break the bread, share the cup, and care for one another with the tenderness of family. As we once again prepare our hearts to dig deep and reach high, please pray about how you are being called to share your time, talents, and resources to support the work that we share in together at Holy Trinity, and then give generously, praising God from whom all blessing flow.

Thank you, dear friends, for your continuing and faithful support of Holy Trinity Church. May God bless you this Eastertide as we journey with Jesus along the way.

Yours faithfully in Christ's love,



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