

May 3, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Welcome to our service of Holy Eucharist. All are welcome, we are glad that you are here. The people are invited to join in everything that is in **BOLD** type, while the Celebrant will speak the plain type.*

The people stand.

Opening Hymn #630 – You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer
Of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
You, who are our death and our life.

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo, Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy Shepherd,
you know your sheep by name
and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.
Guide us by your voice,
so that we may walk in certainty and security
to the joyous feast prepared in your house,
where we celebrate with you for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The people sit.

First Reading: A Reading from the Book of Acts

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;

**your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Most High forever.**

**Glory to God our Creator, to God's most Holy Word, and to the Spirit, indwelling: As it was in
the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.**

The Lord be with you
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

**And also with you
Glory to you O Christ**

10:1“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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you O Christ

The people sit.

Sermon

An Affirmation of the Resurrection

I believe in God

Creator of the Universe
dwelling forever beyond time and space.

I believe in Jesus Christ
who came to live amongst us
and let us see what God is like.

I believe in the Holy Spirit
Sent by God through Jesus
To be our guide and comforter.

Therefore I believe in Love
In hope, compassion, joy and faith
Forgiveness and eternal life.

(Frances Sommerville, One Woman's Creed)

Confession

Holy and Compassionate One.
We acknowledge before you, that we have fallen
short of the glory you have laid out before us.

In your mercy, forgive us our wrongdoings,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life.
to honour and glory of your name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Loving Creator, Father and Mother, have mercy on us,
forgive us for forgetting to love, and renew our ability
to give and receive love in all that we do. Amen.

The people stand.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn – Psalm 23

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Glory
Hosanna in the Highest
Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest

Therefore, Creator, according to his command

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion

The Table is ready and all are welcome

Let us pray:

God of steadfast love,
watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.
May we who share in these holy mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

As we gather in prayer, let Jesus lead us into green pastures. Come, find the quiet centre.

Sister, Brother let me be your servant, your shepherd... help us to reach out to loved ones and the 'stranger' in our midst... We thank you for those who share of themselves and what they have with others... for everyday saints, for St. Barnabas and the early church and for all showing compassion.

In this time of Covid 19 and social isolation we pray for the renewal and re creation of ourselves and Creation. We give thanks for the wild animals and the wilderness reclaiming the wild and the city. So we pray for the renewal of Creation.... Reforestation, clear skies, clear water and for shepherds of the land, for green pastures...

Jesus, you are both gate and gatekeeper... you are watching, walking ahead, offering us protection along the way... We pray for those needing strength and healing, for peace and perseverance.... We pray for those on the move, remembering home, once green pastures...

Jesus, you cradle us in your arms and at times you need to poke us with the shepherd's crook! We give thanks for the on-line presence of the church sharing the Word, in word, song, prayers and being church! We pray for our neighbourhoods and the well being of those who live in them. In the Brow of the Hill we give thanks for those sharing and helping with the grocery grab 'n go on Fridays at St. Barnabas. We want to hold up our sisters and brothers of other faiths and those working for the common good sharing in reaching out to others.

We offer up our prayers into your loving embrace. Listening, hearing the call of Peter " if you love me, feed my sheep"
May it be so! Amen!

Community Announcements

Sending Hymn:

Priest's Blessing

Go forth in peace and love, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!