

Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April, 2024



St. Helen's
Anglican Church of Canada
Diocese of New Westminster

The Reverend Mark Munn

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING HYMN All People That On Earth Do Dwell

CP 349

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Cantor; All repeat

Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e -
Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have

lé - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.
mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie Eleison. It consists of two staves of music in a 2/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The melody is written in a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy." The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font. The music is written in a simple, sans-serif font. The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font.

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
Pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -

cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a-lone are the
 Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the
 Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men, a - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Acts

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23



O_ God is my shep - herd, I shall not be in want.

O God, you are my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
You make me lie down in green pastures
and lead me beside still waters. **R.**

You revive my soul
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in your house, O God, for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 JOHN 3:16-24

Gillian Moore

A reading from the first letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



SERMON

Daniel Melvill Jones

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, the Holy One of Israel,
Source of all being and life,
The one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, the incarnate Word,
Who took our human nature,
Died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, the Power of the Most High,
Who gives life to the people of God
And makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with signs of God's peace.

THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided at the back of the leaflet for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.

OFFERTORY HYMN The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CP 520

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of loving care,
you spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our shepherd.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God, creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,
“Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again**

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever
Amen.

THE 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

With those who are unable to receive the Eucharist at this time, remember these words of Jesus from the gospel of John: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, whoever believes in me will never thirst". In Union with the body of Christ in every time and place, we pray:

Come to my heart O Christ.

There is room in my heart for you. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of two staves of music in a 4/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,' are written below the notes. A first ending bracket labeled '1, 2' covers the final two measures of the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics 'have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.' are written below. A double bar line with the word 'Final' above it marks the end of the piece.

COMMUNION HYMN Before the World Began
 Jesus Joy of Our Desiring

CP 621

CP 514

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

DOXOLOGY

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.**

BLESSING

Life is short,
and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love,
make haste to be kind,
and may the blessing of God Almighty
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you
and those you love, now and forever.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

CP 374

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Risen Lord,
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*Please be seated for the postlude. The community disperses in silence. In respect of those who
may linger in contemplation, conversation is reserved for the narthex.*

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