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

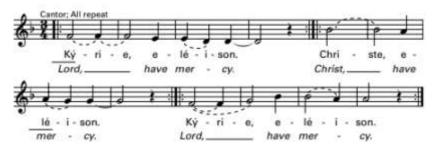
GREETING

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



CONFESSION

Most merciful God,

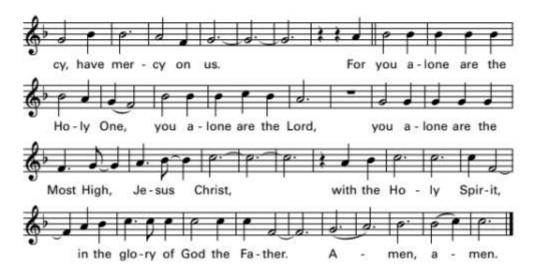
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have 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





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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD FIRST READING ACTS 4:5-12

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, 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.





THE HOLY GOSPEL

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 ACCLAIMATION

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 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

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

Hepsi Chand

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 Son, the incarnate Word,

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



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

COMMUNION HYMN	Before the World Began	CP 621
	Jesus Joy of Our Desiring	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

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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