

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



FOURTH OF EASTER/ GOOD SHEPHERD/HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY

April 22nd, 2018

10.15 am

PRELUDE

Plaintive Air (Laurence Lyon)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 384

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

Alleluia!

This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

Alleluia!

This is the Good News – once we were no people, now we are God's people.

Alleluia!

May Christ's grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life, so that, guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbour. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

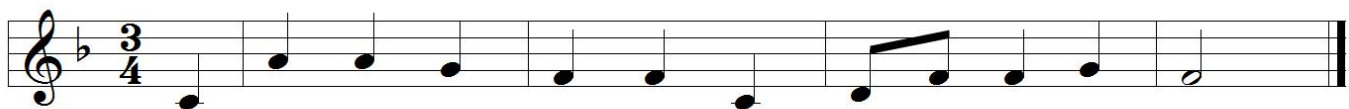
Acts 4:5-12

The next day their 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



The Lord is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his 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.

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 the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

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.

GRADUAL HYMN 519

THE GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'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.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Day by Day We Magnify Thee (G.F. Handel)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you! They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 375

At the Name of Jesus

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

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.

Worship and praise belong to you, loving God, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is. In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

The musical score is written on four staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho- -ly Lord, God of power, God of might, 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 highest, ho- san-na in the high - est.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. This is my body: it is broken for you.

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us ✠ and upon this bread and wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the body and blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Evangelist, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our
dai-ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow - er and the
glo - ry are yours now and for ev - - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Thanks be to God.

Please request a gluten-free wafer if required or a blessing if desired.

THE COMMUNION

The Lord is My Shepherd (Howard Goodall)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the peace of God that passes your understanding, the light of God that is beyond your seeing, and the love of God which transcends your knowing, rest and abide within you, and bless you, ✠ this day and evermore. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 486

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Exurgat Deus [Let God Arise] (Peter Hurford)

Please join us in the Chapel for refreshments following the service.

Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff

Deacon

The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros

Organist

Dr Gordon Johnston

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