

THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED

An Anglican online presence in the Deanery of Essex, with parish partnerships in the Diocese of Huron, members of the Anglican Church of Canada.

A Service of the Word for

The 4th Sunday of Easter – April 30th, 2023

Opening Responsory & Gathering of the Community

One Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

One May God's grace and peace be with you.

All May God fill our hearts with joy.

One Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn CP 491 The Head That Once Was Crowned

Confession and Absolution

One Most merciful God,

All 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.

One Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us share our peace with one another.

All Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Act of Praise CP 377 To the Name of Our Salvation

Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son is the good shepherd, send us out as shepherds to seek the lost, to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion; through Jesus, who calls each by name.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

Second Reading

Gradual Hymn CP 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

Gospel Discussion

- Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in the passage?
- Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in our world?
- Where is the grace/love in the passage?
- Where is the grace/love in our world?

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say, One

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, One

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

> For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

Glory to God One

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

Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn CP 378 **Crown Him With Many Crowns**

Dismissal

Alleluia! Devote yourself to the teachings of the gospel, to your One prayers and our Christian fellowship day by day, for they will lead you to a glad and generous heart.

Thanks be to God. All



Announcements

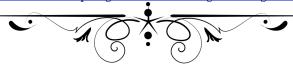
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To Love & Serve

Anglican Beliefs & Practices

Join us as we journey through the basic beliefs of our faith of Anglican Christianity.

April 25 The Anglican Way of Christianity Beliefs and Practices

May 2 - The Faith of Your Church - The Creeds

May 9 - Written for Our Learning - The Bible

May 16 - Richly Bearing the Fruit of Good Works - Salvation and Grace

May 23- All Hearts are Open - Prayer

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First Reading: ACTS 2:42-47 A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

A READING OF PSALM 23. PLEASE JOIN IN THE REFRAIN "The Lord is my shepherd, 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.

REFRAIN The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

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.

REFRAIN The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

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.

REFRAIN The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 PETER 2:19-25

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

All Thanks be to God

The Gospel JOHN 10:1-10

One The Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

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

ALL Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The gospel of Christ.

ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP 491 The Head That Once Was Crowned

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns
- is crowned with glory now; a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heav'n affords is his, is his by right, the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heav'n's eternal light:
- 3 the joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below to whom he manifests his love and grants his name to know.
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n; their name, an everlasting name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.
- 5 They suffer with the Lord below, they reign with him above, their profit and their joy to know the myst'ry of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him: his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

Act of Praise CP 377 To the Name of Our Salvation

1 To the Name of our salvation laud and honour let us pay, which for many a generation hid in God's foreknowledge lay; but with holy exultation we may sing aloud today.

- 2 Jesus is the name we treasure, name beyond what words can tell; name of gladness, name of pleasure, ear and heart delighting well; name of sweetness passing measure, saving us from sin and hell.
- 3 'Tis the name that whoso preaches speaks like music to the ear; who in prayer this name beseeches finds its comfort ever near; who its perfect wisdom reaches, heavenly joy possesses here.
- 4 Jesus is the name exalted over every other name; in this name, whene'er assaulted, we can put our foes to shame: strength to them who else had halted, eyes to blind and feet to lame.
- 5 Therefore we in love adoring, this most blessed name revere, holy Jesus, thee imploring so to write it in us here that, hereafter heavenward soaring, we may sing with angels there.

Gradual Hymn CP 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest.
 Lay down, O weary one,
 lay down thy head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn, and sad.
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give

the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

Offertory Hymn CP 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
 I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me; and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Closing Song CP 378 Crown Him With Many Crowns

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne: hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

 His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.