

Sunday, May 3, 2020: 4th Sunday of Easter

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:*

*I know my own and my own know me. (John 10:14)*



**Opening Song: *Praise the Father, Praise the Son***

O sovereign God, O matchless King  
The saints adore, the angels sing  
And fall before the throne of grace  
To You belongs the highest praise

These sufferings, this passing tide  
Under Your wings I will abide  
And every enemy shall flee  
You are my hope and victory

(*Chorus*) Praise the Father

Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Clothed in power and in grace  
The name above all other names

To the valley for my soul  
Thy great descent has made me whole  
Your word my heart

Has welcomed home  
Now peace like water ever flows

(*To Chorus*)

**Morning Prayer**

Leader: Lord, open our lips,

**All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Leader: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship.

**All: Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia! Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!**

**The Reading of Scripture**

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

*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.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by

My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness  
E'en for His own name's sake

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale  
Yet will I fear no ill  
For Thou art with me and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint  
And my cup overflows (*continued on next page*)

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

*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.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Reading**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

*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."*

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Message from Rev. Myron Penner**

**Affirmation of Faith – Hear, O Israel**

**All:**  **Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

**Prayers of the People**

Reader: As we stand in God’s presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

“Lord, have mercy.” remembering those in our St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer: Ryan and Michelle Young and their children Carson, Jordan, and Weston;

Gordon and Pat Stretch; Rob Smith; Margaret Ushko as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, and for the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**The Collect**

Leader: 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.

**All: Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

**Closing Song: *Hear the Call of the Kingdom***

Hear the call of the kingdom  
Lift your eyes to the King  
Let His song rise within you  
As a fragrant offering  
Of how God rich in mercy

Came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the kingdom  
To be children of light  
With the mercy of heaven

The humility of Christ  
Walking justly before Him  
Loving all that is right  
That the life of Christ

May shine through us

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(*Chorus*) King of heaven

We will answer the call  
We will follow

Bringing hope to the world  
Filled with passion

Filled with power to proclaim

Salvation in Jesus’ name

Hear the call of the kingdom  
To reach out to the lost  
With the Father's compassion  
In the wonder of the cross  
Bringing peace and forgiveness  
And a hope yet to come  
Let the nations put their trust in Him

(*To Chorus*)

**The Dismissal**Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: May the God of peace enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness, working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**St. Paul's Open Hours - Please Call Ahead**

Starting in May, if you plan to come into St. Paul's for prayer or to drop off food or other items, please call ahead before you come. Myron will try to be onsite during the open prayer hours but sometimes has pastoral emergencies that take him offsite and RJ will be working from home until gathering restrictions are lifted.

**Not Receiving Email Announcements from St. Paul’s?**

If you have not been receiving email updates from St. Paul’s (which we have been sending every week since gatherings restrictions went into effect), it means you are not on our email list or we have an incorrect email address for you. If you are not receiving our emails and would like to, please email office@stpauls-angican.ca and ask to be added to the announcement contact list. We want to be sure we are remain connected – especially at this difficult time.

**St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer:**

Ryan and Michelle Young and Carson, Jordan, and Weston;

Gordon and Pat Stretch;

Rob Smith;

Margaret Ushko

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador; the Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Peddle, Bishop. The retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton: Michael Rolph (s. Cora); John Rushton (s. Elizabeth); Doreen Scott; Nancy Selwood; Susan Storey; Allan Studd (s. Betty); Michael Sung (s. Agnes); Pauline Tiffen; Jacques deG Vaillancourt (s. Bobbi); Dan Van Alstine (s. Carolyn Skinner); Robin Walker (s. Joanne); Linda Whittle (s. Jim); Anne Wightman (s. Peter); Mary Charlotte Wilcox; Robert Wild; Michael Williamson (s. Janet). Buyé Hospital Chaplaincy: Daniel Bizimana, Chaplain. Frog Lake First Nation.



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