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**4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday**



Spiritual Communion



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On-line Worship from St. Luke's Church

Anglican Parish of Woodstock

This Service was pre-recorded for

May 3, 2020

Officiant: Rev. Shirley Noseworthy

Lector & Video: Armin Hackelsperger

Order of Service

(Book of Alternative Services)

The hymns are from Common Praise and may be viewed on YouTube by placing your cursor on the link, then press Control and left click. The service videos may be viewed on either our Parish Facebook Page, or the Anglican Parish of Woodstock NB new YouTube channel. For those with a Book of Alternative Services at home, the service begins on page 185.

Hymn #508: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
<https://youtu.be/9ZrIP7DI2vs>

Sentence: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me. John 10:14.

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Collect: 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 you will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Prayer as We Deal with Covid19

Gracious God, thank you that you are over all, in all, and through all. We lift our world before you as we face this Covid-19 crisis. We pray for those who are suffering its effects, the medical personnel who are caring for them and those who are seeking a vaccine or cure. We are grateful for the lives of people who have died and pray for their families and friends in their bereavement. We ask that you enable us to know your love for all and give us your peace which passes all

understanding. In the name of Christ, our Risen Lord! **Amen.**
(adapted from a prayer by Bishop David Edwards)

The Proclamation of the Word

Mission Statement: *Together:*

We are a worshipping Anglican Community, nourished by Liturgy, Scripture, Sacraments, Prayer, and Fellowship. We are guided by the Holy Spirit to care for God's creation, so that all may know the peace of Christ and the power of His Resurrection.

Gospel: John 10:1-10 Jesus the Good Shepherd

Sermon: *Do You Have a Relationship with the Good Shepherd?*

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Response: Hear us, Lord of Glory!

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CP#519: The Lord's My Shepherd

<https://youtu.be/yHQoRfFr1rE>

Guidance on Spiritual Communion and Coronavirus

(from the Church of England, authorized for use by Bishop David Edwards)

On this 4th Sunday of Easter, we share in Spiritual Communion. The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person,

prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. Spiritual Communion offers Christians an opportunity to give thanks for our communion with Jesus when we would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist.

The Church is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

We pray together:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' John 6.35 Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks for your saving death and resurrection, and we ask You to be with us now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

Adapted from the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful.
In these days of challenge, make us stronger in you.
In these days of emptiness, take possession of us.
In these days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of
your cross. **Amen.** *Angela Ashwin*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy
servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your
goodness and loving kindness.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the
blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for
the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that
our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show
forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by
giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before
you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer after Spiritual Communion

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Parish Vision Statement: *Together:*

We will become a more caring community of believers who
learn together, nurture and support each other, and reach out
to the community at large with the love of Christ.

Blessing

Dismissal: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Hymn 430: Will You Come and Follow Me?

<https://youtu.be/GiXnbOORTAU>

Our Special Prayers are requested for: Janet, Kim, Ernest, Mavis, Gordon, Ellen, Karla, Amanda, Jennifer, Randy, Colin, Liam, Sadie, Emma, Scottie, Kate, Gail, Tanya, Terry, Brad, Billy, Lorne, Kent, Doreen, Dick, Susanne, Wesley, Jim, Trevor, Lindsay, Lois, David, Carrie, Barry, Freda, Barbara, Bishop David's mother, Doreen, and his father John.

Diocesan Intercessions May 3

The Anglican Communion in Japan, Nathaniel their Primate. Council of the North, Diocese of Moosonee, Archbishop Anne, Diocesan Administrator Archdeacon Larry, and the people. Archbishop Linda, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, Archbishop Gregory and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias. Diocese of Yukon, Old Crow: St. Luke's, Rev. Marion, Esau, and lay ministry team; Bishop Lesley. David, our Bishop, Claude, William and George, retired Bishops, and their families.

A New Option for Giving – E-Transfer!

Now we can offer e-transfer as an option for you to make your donation to the Anglican Parish of Woodstock!

Thank you to everyone for your past, present and future support of our ministry and mission, along with those who have made a special effort to change how and what they give.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Here are three options to consider.:

1. **E-offering.** Thank you to those who already give through e-offering! Folks may consider signing up for e-offering even for the short-term. You may always go back to offering envelopes at any time. Contact Ruth at 328-4304 for details.
2. **Mail** your envelopes to St. Luke's Church, 104 Church Street, Woodstock, NB E7M 5Z7.
3. A new option is **e-transfer**. Simply log in on-line to your bank account and select the e-transfer option. Follow the prompts and enter St. Luke's email address: stlukes@nb.aibn.com.

God bless you as you bless His church!

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Happy birthday to: Valerie Wetmore, Ann Whiteway Brown, Adam Taylor, and anyone else celebrating their special day.

Happy anniversary to anyone celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Caring for One Another during this Crisis

We are here for you during the Covid-19 crisis. If you would like to speak with someone or need help, please contact Nancy English (328-2295) or Mary-Beth Rideout (325-3476) on our Pastoral Care Team, or Rev. Shirley Noseworthy (328-9913). Jesus said, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

Bulletin Board

All public worship and church activities are suspended until further notice – likely until mid-June.

It is out of love for our neighbors, that we forego the blessing of being physically together for worship. In so doing we seek to promote health and healing needed at this time.

Please pray for one another and remember to contact your family, friends, and neighbors by phone or social media to ensure everyone is coping well during this difficult time.

On-Line Worship

We will continue to pre-record services for viewing on Facebook and YouTube, until are able to open our doors for public worship. Watch for the pre-recorded service for the 4th Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020 – Spiritual Communion!

On-Line Sunday School & Children’s Talks!

Watch for children’s video postings on our Parish Facebook. Also, Rev. Harold Boomer has set up an on-line Sunday School through Zoom each Sunday at 10:30 am! If you have not already received the Zoom I.D., please email Harold at wattrboy@rogers.com for details.

Church Bells in Support of Nova Scotia

Churches across our nation rang their bells on Fri., April 24, at 6 pm in support of the RCMP and families of the victims of the Nova Scotia mass shooting. Thank you to Richard Wetmore who rang the bell at Christ Church and to Jon Tait who rang the bell at St. Luke's! Thank you to those who came out to hear the bell and to support our neighbors!



Sounds of Hope Ring Out!

Using church bells, chimes, shofars or whatever else makes a joyous sound, you will hear Sounds of Hope for our Community from our churches, each Sunday at 12:00 noon for 10 minutes during the Covid-19 lock down. This a reminder that we are still here loving our neighbors and serving our God! We will be ringing our bell at both St. Luke's, Main St., Woodstock, and Christ Church, Lower Woodstock. Thank you to our bell ringers, Armin H., Jon Tait, and Richard Wetmore! Listen for the sounds of hope near you!

Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocations Sunday

The 4th Sunday of Easter is commonly called Good Shepherd Sunday as the reading for the Eucharist focuses on Christ as the Good Shepherd. Many provinces of the Anglican Communion and other denominations keep Good Shepherd Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This has traditionally been a day to pray for vocations to ordained

ministry and the religious life (Canadian Anglican Religious Communities: Society of St John the Evangelist - SSJE [1866]; Community of the Sisters of the Church - CSC [1870]; Order of the Holy Cross - OHC (1884); Sisterhood of St John the Divine - SSJD (1884); Oratory of the Good Shepherd - OGS (1913)). And the day may be usefully expanded to include lay ministries. The prayers of the people include intercession for all three groups.

Families Helping Families

Thank you to those from our congregation who are helping Wes Corey & the fine staff at the River deliver meals to seniors and those who appreciate a dinner delivered each Sunday during Covid-19 lockdown: Nancy & Bobby English, Mary-Beth, Jeff & Carson Rideout, Julie & Doug Brown, Pat & Blair Whitehouse, Jill & Colin Craig, and Zoe Frame. With so many volunteers, Armin & Shirley were able to step down and give others an opportunity to participate in this wonderful outreach ministry in our community! God bless you all!

A Blessed Eastertide!

To those who are self-isolating at home, in hospitals, nursing homes, or wherever you may be, and for those essential workers who are out there doing your job under stressful conditions, may God bless you and grant you His peace and a safe and Blessed Eastertide!