

The 4th Sunday of Easter, Cycle B – Easter 4 (White)
Sunday April 25, 2021
Good Shepherd Sunday ~ Vocations Sunday

Presider: the Rev. Andrew Twiddy

Readings:

ACTS 4:5-12; PSALM 23; 1 JOHN 3:16-24; JOHN 10:11-18

Music for the day:

Hymns from *Common Praise* (1998) or the local parish booklet *Open Wide the Church's Door*

Opening	CP 2	When Morning Gilds the Skies (<i>verses 1,2,4,6</i>)
Reflective	-	“Rapha-na-la” (<i>a prayer of healing – Hebrew melody, taken from the Hebrew text of Numbers 12.13</i>) <i>Lyrics: AH-nah, AYL-nah, ra-FA-na LA</i>
Gospel	CP 520	The King of Love My Shepherd Is (<i>verses 1,4,5,6 – tune 65: St. Columba</i>)
Closing	CP 565	Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer (<i>all 3 verses</i>)

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The Collect – the Prayer of the Day:

**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 we may offer our lives in love for you and for our neighbour. Amen.**

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.



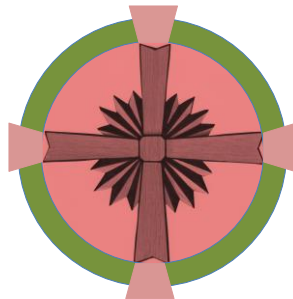
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Morning Prayer Service

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Words of Welcome

Acclamation:

In this time and place, many of us gather online from our homes on the ancestral territories of Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuuchahnulth and Coast Salish peoples. I also join you in my sojourn in the Diocese in Europe, with the people of Holy Trinity, Funchal, and with acknowledgment of the people of Portugal who make possible a home for me in Madeira.

Welcome! *Gilakas'la, klecko-klecko, hay'ceep qa.* Good morning, and for some of us, *boa tarde*, good evening.

From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

We gather in the name of the living God.

We meet in the presence of Jesus, God's Anointed, risen and alive.

We gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.

In this time and place, heaven and earth are one.

We are no longer alone. We are one in Christ.

We are knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In the name of the Holy and Blessed One,
Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Centering Stillness

Presider: In a time of quietness, let us centre ourselves, and hold ourselves open to the Spirit of God. (*silence*)

The Invitatory

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May grace and peace be with you.

May Christ fill our hearts with joy.

Collect of the Day:

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you reveal your love for all.

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so that we too may offer our lives,
in love for you and for our neighbour. Amen.

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Opening Hymn:

A short reflection on the hymn ~ Andrew

CP 2 When Morning Gilds the Skies (verses 1,2,4,6)

Engaging The Word and the Wisdom

A First Reading: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Reader: Where do you find healing powers at work in the world? 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 of Nazareth, Anointed by God, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

Holy word, holy wisdom ~ hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

ACTS 4:5-10 ~ NRSV

A short reflection on the song ~ Andrew

Reflective Song: "Rapha-na-la"

*(a prayer of healing – Hebrew melody,
taken from the Hebrew text of Numbers 12.13)*

Lyrics: AH-nah, AYL-nah, ra-FA-na LA

The Psalm Verse ~ from Psalm 23.5

VERSE OF THE DAY: The cup I drink from ... is abundance itself

A Second Reading: FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

Reader: "How do we live with clarity, simplicity, and joy ?" A reading from the first letter of John (...pause)

We know love by this, that Christ 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 God

whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive whatever we ask, because we obey God's commandments and engage in rightly-motivated action.

And this is God's commandment, that we should trust in the name of the Son, Jesus the Anointed One, and love one another.

(...pause)

Holy word, holy wisdom ~ hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

1 JOHN 3.16-24, The Message, alt. A. Twiddy

CP 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(verses 1,2,3 – tune 65: St. Columba; based on Psalm 23)

The Gospel Reading:

Reader: Is there a love that will never let go of us?
The holy gospel, according to John.

(All: Glory to you, Jesus, the Anointed One)

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."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom: The Gospel of Christ. (... All: Praise to you, Jesus the Anointed One)

John 10:11-18 NRSV, alt. A. Twiddy

A short reflection on the hymn ~ Andrew

CP 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(verses 4,5,6 – tune 65: St. Columba)

A time of quietness may follow the ending of the hymn

Affirming the Christian Narrative

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.

An Invitation to Weekly & Daily Prayer

*in our cycle of prayer this day and throughout this week, we give thanks and we pray together
for the well-being of the world, the church, and those in special need*

We give thank and we pray for peace, justice, and well-being throughout the world:

- giving thanks for all whose lives of service promote the common good
- honouring First Nations on whose traditional territories we live and work
- asking that we may grow in our resolve to respond to climate crisis, and to care for our planet
- seeking a spirit of reconciliation & collaboration among nations, faiths, & cultures
- and remembering our governmental leaders and elected representatives,
in the municipal, provincial, federal, and international work they undertake

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for the mission and ministry of our wider family in faith:

- for ecumenical and interspiritual co-operation, and for all our neighbouring churches
- for our partnership in the Anglican communion throughout the world:
for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Linda our Primate; for Lynne our Metropolitan;
and for all with whom they work and serve
- for Mark our National Aboriginal Archbishop, for our journey in faith and solidarity with the
Council of the North, and for the work of all our Indigenous Anglican communities

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for the mission and ministry of our own parish and diocesan family, remembering especially:

- all our members, associates, and friends who share in our ministry
- for the ministry of all our parish groups, networks, partners & organizations
- for all parishes of our diocese, especially remembering ...
- for Anna our Bishop, and for our priests Andrew & Christine, in ministry among & beyond us;

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for those who express care and compassion,

- for those working on the frontlines of care and service in a time of global pandemic, for leaders in health care, and for research workers and those who work behind the scenes to bring relief, hope, and healing
- for the work of the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund and its global partners, for the Canadian Food Grains Bank and those responding to global hunger, drought, floods, fires, migration, and displacement
- remembering those who reach out to the needy and to vulnerable populations in our local community, & those who nurture all the circles of our citizenship, both nationally and around the world
- for the work of our local agencies serving and advocating for those on the margins, and for those who face issues of homelessness, addiction, and mental health

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

As we stand in solidarity alongside all those in need, we pray:

- for those in trouble, sorrow, conflict, sickness, or any other adversity ...
- and in silence or aloud, we remember the special needs of those requesting our prayers ...

God of love and compassion hear our prayer



Prayers of the People:

In peace, we pray to you, God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Anna our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, God; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

God, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.



We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
**in your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering all our prayers into one,
we pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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 Peace

From my home to your home, from satellite to soul...

The peace of God be always with you. **And also with you.**

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.

Closing Hymn:

A short reflection on the hymn ~ Andrew

CP 565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer *(all 3 verses)*

Dismissal/Sending:

Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and to serve

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!