

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
April 30th 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter



“Nourishing faith and community”

Prelude

Words of Welcome *(Please stand as clergy enters)*

Musical opening CP231 That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright



(Text: Latin (Aurora lucis rutilat, part 3, 5th cent.?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge Koln adapt Ralph Vaugh Williams 1872-1958 Oxford University Press.)

*That Eastertide with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light,
alleluia, alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
alleluia, alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*From every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed forever shield:
alleluia, alleluia!
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Jesus, the king of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,*

alleluia, alleluia!
that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Gloria (sung)

(Daniel Schutte Mass of Christ One licence)

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of goodwill.**

**We praise you, we bless You
We adore you, we glorify You
We give you thanks,
For your great glory.**

**Lord God heavenly King,
O God Almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand
The right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory
Of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of good will.**

Amen, Amen.

Kyrie (sung)

**Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

Kyrie Eleison

Christie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison, eleison

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

Let us pray,

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. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the book of Acts

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

Reading Two: 1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from the first letter to Peter

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in 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.

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Gospel Hymn VU 822 All People that on Earth Do Dwell

(Text: Attributed to William Kethe (1530?-1594?). Music: Melody Geneva, 1551)

*All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
Delight in God whose praise you tell,
Whose presence calls you to rejoice.*

*Know that there is one God indeed,
Who fashioned us without our aid;
Who claims us, gives us all we need,
Whose tender care will never fade.*

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News 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.

Gospel Hymn VU 822 All People that on Earth Do Dwell

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*Enter the sacred gates with praise,
With joy approach the temple walls;
Extol and bless our God always,
As people whom the Spirit calls.*

*Proclaim again that God is good
Whose mercy is forever sure
Whose truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.*

Sermon *The Reverend Pam Worthington*

Musical Moment for Reflection

Announcements

Affirmation of Faith *(please stand)*

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Confession

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *(Silence is kept)*

Most merciful God,
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.

(Please stand)

Assurance of Pardon

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead to sin, and made us alive together in Christ. Therefore the God of love and power:

forgives us and frees us from our sins, heals and strengthens us by the Spirit, and raises us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn CP 73 One Bread One Body (please be seated for this hymn)

(Text and music: John B. Foley, SJ New Dawn Music Oregon Catholic Press One License)

Refrain:

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless-and
we, though many, through-out the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. **Refrain***

*Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **Refrain***

*Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. **Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts:

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Our offering plate is not passed through the pews or placed on the altar but placed symbolically in front of the font near the back of the church. If you have missed it and would like to donate, it does remain available briefly after service.)

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore joining with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood

of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. (sung) **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Invitation to Table

The table of the Lord is ready.

Come, when you are joyful, to rejoice

Come, when you are thankful, to offer praise in the receiving

Come, when you are prayerful, to be united.

Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.

Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.

Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.

Come, old and young,

there is room for all, and all are welcome.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thank be to God.

The Communion

(Communion will be offered from a standing position in front of the choir pews. It is the belief within the Anglican Church that receiving in one kind is considered full communion. The chalice may be taken, the base touched in acknowledgement or passed by (one element taken) however intinction – dipping of the wafer into the cup - is not permitted).

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,

God of steadfast love, watch over the church redeemed by your Son.
May all who share in the holy mysteries of love, come safely to your
eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask
this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

The Blessing

Musical VU639 One More Step Along the World I Go

(Text and music Sydney Carter 1971 Hope Publishing One Licence)



*One more step along the world I go
One more step along the world I go
From the old things to the new
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*'Round the corners of the world I turn
More and more about the world I learn*

*And the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me traveling the way I should
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*Give me courage when the world is rough
Keep me loving though the world is tough
Leap and sing in all I do
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*You are older than the world can be
You are younger than the life in me
Ever old and ever new
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you.*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Ontario, Bishop, Michael Oulton; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee; Saint Philip, Cedar. and the interim priest in charge The Rev. Deborah Rivet.

In our region, we pray for Christ Church Cathedral, The Rev Ross Bliss and The Rev. Jeannine Friesen and The Rev Canon Ian Powell.

In our parish we pray for Suzanne Karas; Fred King; Bruce and Faye Kirkpatrick; Rhonda Koch; Rob and Teresa Krause; Paul and Jolene LaHay; and Leatrice Lam.

In our community we pray for Our Place Society, The Mustard Seed and those experiencing homelessness in our society.

For the month of April, we pray for our Altar Guild and the ministry they provide.

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Just remember to put your envelope number in the message box, or, if you are visiting, your name and address for a receipt for a donation of \$25 or more.

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək̓ʷəŋən speaking peoples, the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of those worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.

Welcome to all those visiting us at St. Peter and St. Paul.

We welcome saints, seekers and sinners as we live into a life in Christ, learning about and from one another as we worship God together.

Christ binds us together in love through our diversity. If you are comfortable, please give us your name and address so we can add you to our weekly prayer list. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

Washrooms are found in the hall, up the stairs, on the right.

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