



Holy Eucharist Service
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

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HOLY EUCHARIST – 2:30 pm

Celebrant – The Rev. Malcolm Kern

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:
I know my own and my own know me. *John 10.14*

The Gathering of the Community:

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Collect for Purity: 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.

Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

words: Henry Van Dyke
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music: Beethoven, arr. by Edward Hodges
CCLI Song # 25321

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

Collect Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you
of the reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to
Day: the place of abundant life, so that, guided by your care for
us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our
neighbour. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word of God –

A Reading from the Book of Acts (Acts 4:1-22)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23: The Lord's My Shepherd

music: Jessie Seymour Irvine

text: Psalm 23, 1650 Scottish Psalter, adapted by Francis Rous, William Whittingham
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CCLI Song # 23608

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 through 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 furnish-ed in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

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

A Reading from the First Letter of John (1 John 3:16-24)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Response: Jesus Loves Me

words: Anna Bartlett Warner
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music: William B. Bradbury

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *[Refrain]*

Jesus, take this heart of mine, make it pure and wholly thine;
on the cross you died for me, let me henceforth live for thee.
[Refrain]

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. *[Refrain]*

The Holy Gospel – remain standing

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(*John 10:11-18*)

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

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Sermon: (*all sit*)

The Affirmation of Faith: (Apostles' Creed)

Let us confess together the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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.

Prayers of Intercession:

Sisters and brothers, as those who follow the Risen Christ, let us pray for our needs and the needs of people everywhere. (Silence is kept)

Loving God, the letter of John reminds us that "If anyone has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?" Help us as a Parish to aspire to love with actions and truth and not merely with words or speech.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we ask you to be a real and living presence in your church throughout the world, including all those churches who gather together in and around Strathmore, especially the Dalemead Church, along with all the Christian churches in Australasia, especially The Anglican Church of Australia, a part of our Worldwide Anglican Communion; our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands; the Diocese of Huron; and in our own Diocese, we ask for your presence with our Archbishop, Greg, with the Refugee Committee, and with the people of the parish of St. Andrew, Gleichen, and their clergy, Brad Everett. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for peace in our troubled world. Wherever nations are at war and people are hostile toward each other we pray for true reconciliation. Protect all Christian people in the nations of the world, and help them to influence their country for the good of all.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for all families whose homes are disrupted by anger and bitterness and where relationships are breaking up. We thank you for the gift of your Son, our saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey and, as he gladdened the hearts of his friends when they saw him raised from the dead, may he travel alongside all who are struggling with their family life.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, comfort the sick and suffering with your living presence. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm confused minds and reassure the lonely with your company. We raise before you those we know with particular needs we have been asked to pray for. *(Leave time for names to be voiced).*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Unite us with them in your undying love. Help us to always remember that death could not hold your Son Jesus Christ and that new life for him means new life for all who believe in Him.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. **Amen**

Confession and Absolution: Dear friends in Christ, in baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith (*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. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace (*please stand*)

Presider: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Preparing the Table: Where Charity and Love Prevail

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music: [St. Peter] Alexander Robert Reinagle, Public domain

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be His the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of His body joined, we are in Him made one.

With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love him in return.

The Celebration of the Eucharist:

Prayer Over the Gifts:

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **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 our voices with the whole company of heaven, we raise 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.

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. 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. **Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.**

Father, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this table may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Reflection: At The Table

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You knew what was to come. You knew as God's own Son
You would be handed over; You would be led to die.
Instead of running scared A precious meal prepared.
You offered up Yourself for all.

There at the table, You took the bread
Broke it and blessed it and said:
This is my body offered for you, Given up once, once and for all.
Take it and eat it and when you do It's in memory of me.

In those last few hours You didn't use Your power,
But washed the others' feet; A King upon His knees.
Just before You died In the garden there You cried,
"Oh Father, not My will, but Yours."

There at the table, You took the wine Raised it and made it divine:
This is My blood offered for you, My life poured out once and for all.
Take it and drink it and when you do It's in memory of me.

Bridge:

Your body and blood we do believe;

Your presence so true here we receive. [Repeat x4]

Here we receive.

Prayer After Communion:

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries 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.**

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.

Blessing:

Announcements:

Song of Sending: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

words: Dorothy A. Thrupp

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music: William B. Bradbury

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Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us; Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear thy children when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear thy children when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With thy love our spirits fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
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Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Coffee following the service.

Sunday: 2:30 pm Worship here at St. Michael & All Angels

Throughout this coming week, look for where you see Jesus working, and join him.