



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Eucharist, 10:00am, April 21, 2024

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents Alan and Vera Pratt and Ron and Nona Norton from Ron and Barbara Norton.

Welcome to Christ Church

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask our sides people. All kids are welcome to come forward for the children's talk and afterwards to join our volunteers for Sunday School. Restrooms and the nursery are in our hall (accessed through the side door to the right of the brass eagle lectern).

Prelude: The King of Love My Shepherd Is - Gilbert M. Martin

Processional Hymn: #520 The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

(Please stand)

The Gathering of the Community

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

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All 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: #366 Glory, in the Highest Glory

The Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Children's Talk

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

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 Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23: #519 The Lord's My Shepherd

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he 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 him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his

commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: #561 Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us vs. 1-3

The Gospel Reading

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

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. I have received this command from my Father."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Gradual Hymn: #561 Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us vs. 4-6

Sermon

The Reverend Ruth Sesink Bott

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Prayer Cycle: Diocese of New Westminster: the Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop. The retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton: Bruce Cowley; Maureen Crerar; Tom Dean (s. Linda); Terry Dunn (s. Joanne); Arthur Dyck (s. Joy); Ted Eden (s. Pamela); Bishop Ken Genge (s. Ruth); John Gifford. Buyé Diocese, Gisitwe Parish: Ezechiel Hatungimana, Rector. Cold Lake First Nation.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All 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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God of loving care,

All 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

Eucharistic Prayer #3 BAS, pg. 198

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.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth...Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heave, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

#719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation...Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all...all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we have died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Please come forward to receive communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine, or if you prefer, you may receive in one kind only, the bread. Intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted. A gluten free option is available. To receive a blessing from the priest in place of communion, please come up to the communion rail and cross your hands over your chest.

Music During Communion

Agnus Dei: #745 Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Choir: The Lord is My Shepherd - Thomas Matthews

Choir: Christians to the Paschal Victim - Wipo of Burgundy/Plainchant

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of steadfast love,

All 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.

The Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All 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

Recessional Hymn: #237 Now the Green Blade Rises

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need - Gilbert M. Martin

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

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Announcements

Clergy Comings and Goings

Rev. Sue will return to the parish starting on May 1st. on a part-time basis building up to full-time over a two month period. Please continue to hold her in prayer as she prepares to transition back to work.

Corporation would like to thank Rev. Ruth for her ministry and leadership over the past four months. Please join us on Sunday, April 28 at both the 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist when we will thank Rev. Ruth for her presence at Christ Church as this will be her final Sunday with us.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

This Sunday, April 21, we will celebrate our second annual Volunteer Appreciation Sunday to coincide with National Volunteer Week. The theme this year is: Every Moment Matters!

The diverse forms of sharing of our time, talents, and energy strengthen the fabric of our community and provide a welcoming home for those seeking a faith community.

On behalf of Archdeacon Sue, Tammy-Jo, Mark, Karianne, and Ron, I want to express our appreciation to all who faithfully serve Christ Church. Please join us after our 10am service on Sunday, April 21, when the clergy and staff will host the coffee social in your honour.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Ruth

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities,

but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Shaping Our Future Together

As the family of parishes that make up the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton we are embarking on **Listening in Spirit | Shaping Our Future Together**, the discovery phase of the Finding Our Way strategic planning journey ([Click Here to View *Finding Our Way* Document](#)). This membership survey, together with other data gathered, will be used to gather insight into how each parish is flourishing and how it is struggling. We ask you to think about how your faith community helps you grow in faith, and what is inhibiting your growth.

The survey can be accessed by clicking this link. It will not collect the respondents' names or email addresses; all responses will be anonymous. The full survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

Please note: The survey closing date has been extended to April 24th at 4pm.

Kind regards,

Diocese of Edmonton Strategic Planning Committee

Bishop Stephen London, Greg Heaton, Scott Sharman, Margaret Glidden

Best of luck to the **Diocese of Edmonton Children's Choir** as they travel to Good Shepherd Anglican Church this Sunday at 10:30AM for their final performance of the season. Congratulations on another great year! Many thanks to Laura Hawley (conductor), Tammy-Jo Mortensen (accompanist) and Peggy Wilmot (choir manager) for their leadership and dedication to this wonderful group of young singers.

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