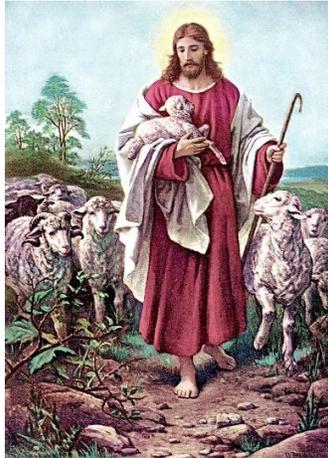


**A Service of Morning Prayer
May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter**



“The Lord is my Good Shepherd”

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

CP 449 How Shall They Hear The Word Of God

1 How shall they hear the word of God
unless the truth is told?
How shall the sinful be set free,
the sorrowful consoled?
To all who speak the truth today,
impart your Spirit, Lord, we pray.

2 How shall they call to God for help
unless they have believed?
How shall the poor be given hope,
the prisoner reprieved?
To those who help the blind to see,
give light and love and clarity.

3 How shall the gospel be proclaimed
that sinners may repent?
How shall the world find peace at last
if heralds are not sent?
So send us, Lord, for we rejoice
to speak of Christ with life and voice.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.**

Psalm 23 *Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

23:3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

23:4 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.

23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

23:6 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.

A Reading from Acts 9:36-43

9:36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

9:37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

9:38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

9:39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

9:40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

9:41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

9:42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

9:43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 221 Alleluia, Alleluia. Let The Holy Anthem Rise

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the holy anthem rise
and the choirs of heaven chant it
in the temple of the skies.
Let the mountains skip with gladness
and the joyful valleys ring
with hosannas in the highest
to our Saviour and our King,
with hosannas in the highest
to our Saviour and our King.

2 Alleluia, alleluia!

Like the sun from out the wave,
Christ has risen up in triumph
from the darkness of the grave.
He, the splendour of the nations,
he, the lamp of endless day;
it is Christ, the Lord of glory
who is risen up today.
It is Christ, the Lord of glory,
who is risen up today.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed Jesus, make us rise
from the dust of sin's corruption
to the life that never dies.
May we share with thee thy glory
when the days of time are past,
and the dead shall be awakened
by the trumpet's mighty blast,
and the dead shall be awakened
by the trumpet's mighty blast.

A Reading from Revelation 7:9-17

7:9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

7:10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

7:11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

7:12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

7:13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

7:14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

7:15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

7:16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

7:17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 364 Splendour And Honour

1 Splendour and honour, majesty and power,
are Yours, O Lord God, fount of every blessing,
for by your bidding was the whole creation
called into being.

2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,
by whose self-off'ring we are made God's people:
a priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations,
called to God's service.

3 To the Almighty, throned in heavenly splendour,
and to the Saviour, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,
be adoration, praise, and glory given,
now and for ever.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10:22-30

10:22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,
10:23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

10:24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in
suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

10:25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my
Father's name testify to me;

10:26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

10:27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

10:28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my
hand.

10:29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of
the Father's hand.

10:30 The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7121222 Be With Me

1 The world falls away and I see Your face
 Jesus it's always been You
 And I hear Your voice above all the noise
 Jesus it's always been You
 Jesus it's always been You

Chorus***Be with me******I just want You to be with me******I don't need You to do a thing******Your love is enough***

2 There's nothing to hide I'm Yours and
 You're mine
 Jesus it's always been You
 I am complete what more could I need
 Jesus it's always been You
 And Jesus it's always been You

Bridge

In Your presence
 I know where I stand
 I know who I am in Your love
 In Your presence
 What more could I need
 I know I'm a child of God
 (REPEAT)

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**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 the People compiled and led the Rev. Alison Westervelt

In this Eastertide the hosts of heaven proclaim, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Therefore, I invite you, who join the worship of the Lamb with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, to pray for all for whom he died, saying: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your church:

For your church throughout the world;

- For the Anglican Church of Rwanda

That it may experience unity and may follow Christ, the Shepherd, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For your church here at home;

- For the Anglican Church of Canada:

- The Diocese of Montreal: the Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop.

- For our Diocese of Edmonton and our Bishop, Stephen, and all Diocesan staff

- For our parish and community of St. Peter's, our clergy, and musicians and all who give so willingly of their time and talents

- For our rector, Heather, as she travels that she may experience rest and a renewal of energy.

- For Holy Trinity, Edson: Johnny Pooten, Rector.

- For the Buyé Diocese, Nyamabuye Parish: Emmanuel Habindemyi, Rector.

- For the people of the Frog Lake First Nation.

That your Gospel may be preached, and your sacraments administered with faithfulness and conviction, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the world:

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you.

- We pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia,

- for people who are suffering and living in war torn countries;

- for people who are dealing with injustice and prejudice;

- for people who are hungry and homeless

Bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh and hasten the coming of your kingdom, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need:

- We remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to love and care for those who are broken in body, mind, or spirit,

- for those who we know who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit,

- for those who suffer in silence,

- for those who are in care homes or hospitals,

- for those who give their time, love, and commitment to those who suffer,

- for those who have requested our prayers:

Sandra... Merle..... Mona..... Lois Ward..... Mary..... Irene Kathryn..... Helen.....
 Jenifer..... Judy..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Luisa..... Lois Davis..... Miranda.....
 Iain.....Diane and Bill..... Maxime..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and
 Cyril..... Mark and Blake..... Danny and Jane..... Lisa.....Marijka.

That their souls may be nourished with patience, and comforted with a sense of your goodness, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the victims of abuse in all its various forms, that their suffering and pain may be eased with the knowledge that they are loved, believed, supported, respected and that with your help and guidance your church here on earth will continue to learn and improve the way we treat those who have put their trust in us.

And we also pray for those who are driven to abuse those within their care, that they may acknowledge their need for healing and help, that they may seek out treatment and support and that even though we may not always understand their actions that we can learn to forgive and continue to love them as Christ loves all of us sinners. Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For those who have completed this earthly journey and those who mourn their passing, those who are nearing the end and those who sit with them and wait,

- we remember in love Harvey Vaags and Ray Lewis

That their sorrow may be turned into the joy of anticipated reunion through your beloved Son and that they may find rest and comfort in your embracing presence, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all mothers and all those who give motherly care, that they may follow the example of the Good Shepherd who leads his children to good pasture, Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the whole human family:

Father of us all, look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

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 your will,
 and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 450 You Call Us Lord To Be

1 You call us, Lord, to be
a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

2 You call us, Lord, to care
for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare
to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

3 You call us, Lord, to be
good stewards of the earth;
to tend to it as a place
of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

4 You call us, Lord, to serve:
to die that we may live,
to know we best receive
when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

The Dismissal

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

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working
in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and
ever, Amen.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind,
and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.