

Holy Communion



Sunday 25th April 2021 10am

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you:

and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We light the Easter Candle, saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.

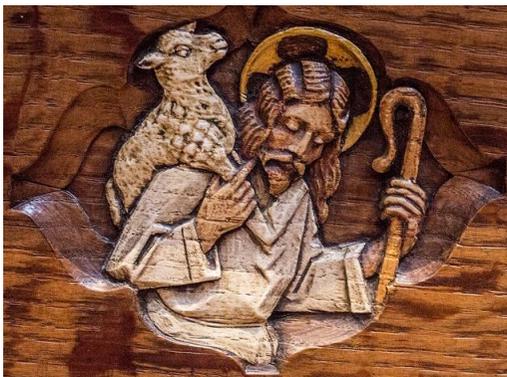
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Welcome and Notices

Jesus – the Good Shepherd:



Opening Prayer:

**Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in
truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn:

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Confession:

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is
evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Romans 6.10

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

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Absolution:

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

New Testament Reading:

***Acts 4: 5-12 Peter tells the chief priests that they
crucified the cornerstone of faith.***

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Please stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 10: 11-18 *Christ the Good Shepherd*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Revd Canon David Lindsay

Prayers of Intercessions:

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son

Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Collect 4th Sunday of Easter:

Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

The Peace:

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Peace be with you,
and also with you.

Offertory Song:

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table:

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
You give us new birth by the Spirit,
And redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
Renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.

Communion:

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women
the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all
creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the
whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion:

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Body and Blood of Christ keep us in eternal life.

***Please stay in your seats and we will bring
Communion to you.***

We listen to Amazing Grace – (My chains are Gone)

Song:

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, Amazing grace!*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, Amazing grace!*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine,

Post Communion Prayer:

Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

**that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Amen

**We now exit into our garden
at the front of church.**

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Song:

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me:

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:

Blessing:

God, who through the resurrection of our
Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
And may the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Rest upon us and fill us,
now and always. **Amen**

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.