

# ST Catherines CHURCH



MAY 8, 2022

10 AM FRESH EXPRESSIONS SERVICE

EASTER 4

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**Music:** Rob Gloor and Singers  
**Greeters:** Lori Burns and Bob Paxton  
**Altar Guild:** Vivian McGie  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nancy Sunderland  
**Ministers:** Ethan Spence  
**Coffee Group:** Penny Zuk, Alison Watt and Gillian Holland  
**Readers:**  
1. Vivian McGie  
2. John Luccock  
**Intercessor:** Peter Mercer  
**Livestream:** Paul Clark  
**Sound:** Chris Wensley  
**Sunday School:** Ethan Spence

*Artist: Jesus Mafa (Vanderbilt)*

# **GATHERING**

*A Fresh Expression is a form of church for our changing culture, this liturgy is co-created by members of our community in an attempt to incorporate Anglican Spirituality into worship.*

## **Welcome & Intention: Rev Sharon Smith**

*(Gathering liturgy from All Saint's Church, Minneapolis, MN)*

Presider: Let us take a moment of stillness and remember why we are here.

*A moment of silent reflection.*

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider: May grace and peace be with you.

**All: May our hearts be filled with joy.**

Presider: Creator, you made all people of every land.

We give thanks to those who first occupied this land we are upon – for the Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth Nations, the first people of this land.

Presider: We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land.

Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced.

**All: With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker. Amen.**



*Artist: John August Swanson (Vanderbilt)*

## **Prayer of the Day:**

*(By Philip Newell, from Sounds of the Eternal)*

Presider: In the silence before time  
began,

in the quiet of the womb,

**All: in the stillness of early morning  
is your beauty.**

Presider: At the heart of all creation,  
at the birth of every creature,  
at the centre of each moment  
is your splendour.

**All: Rekindle in me the sparks of  
your beauty  
that I may be part of the  
splendour of this moment.  
Rekindle in us the sparks of  
your beauty  
that we may be part of the  
blazing splendour that burns  
from the heart of this moment.  
Amen**

# Gathering Hymn: Mothers of Faith

By Malcolm Gordon

For our mothers of faith  
For our sisters in Christ  
For the daughters of God we will praise  
For their courage and care  
Their compassion and tears  
For their unending prayers we will praise

For the women who carried and bore us, now this song we  
raise!  
For their wisdom and ways so inspire us, now our God we  
praise!

For courageous midwives  
For the unmarried bride  
And her miracle child come to save  
For the barren of womb  
And the poured out perfume  
Then the watch at the tomb we will praise

For the women who carried and bore us, now this song we  
raise!  
For their wisdom and ways so inspire us, now our God we  
praise! "

For the long silent age  
For repression's cruel cage  
For our part in this pain we confess  
For the gifts we've returned  
And the saints we have spurned  
From this blindness we turn and are blessed

For the women who carried and bore us, now this  
song we raise!  
For their wisdom and ways so inspire us, now our God  
we praise!

For our mothers of faith  
For our sisters in Christ  
For the daughters of God we will praise  
To our Father above  
With a mothering love  
Won't you lead us in freedom and grace

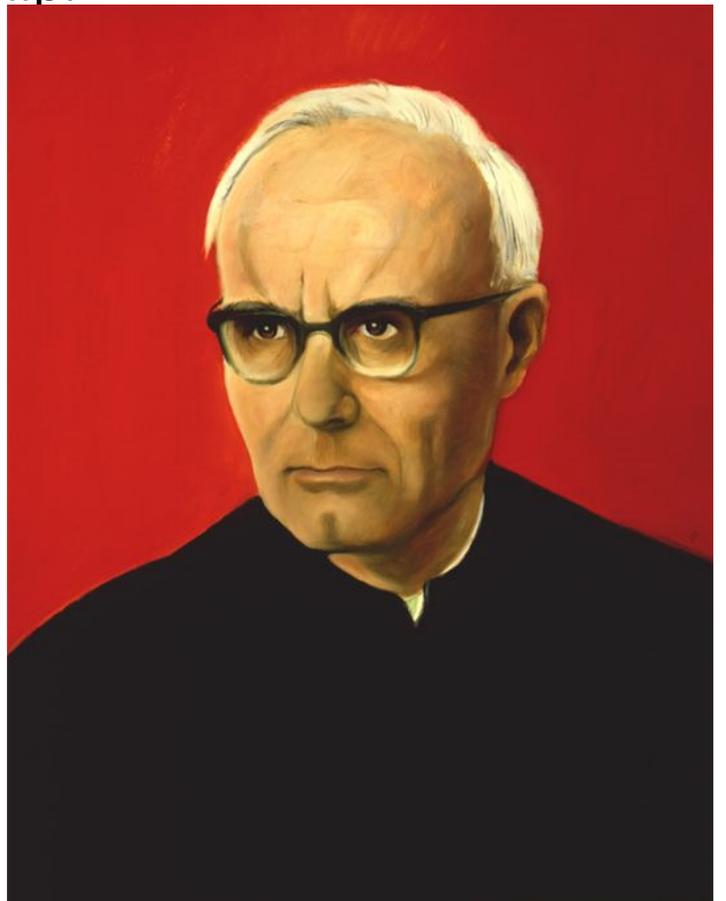
# ***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

## **First Reading: Hearer 1, by Karl Rahner**

It is not enough for us to know that God is more than what we have hitherto grasped of God in our human knowledge, as we get to know it in an anthropology.

We must also know that God may speak and may refrain from speaking.

Only then can God's actual speaking to us, if it really happens, be understood for what it is: the unpredictable act of God's personal love, before which we fall upon our knees in worship.



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## Poetic Response: A Celtic Psalm by Philip Newell

*(Prayed in two parts – high voices and low voices)*

High voices: Like light dappling through the  
leaves of a tree

**Low voices: and wind stirring in its  
branches,**

High voices: Like birdsong sounding from the  
heights  
of an orchard

**Low voices: and the scent of blossom  
after rainfall,**

High voices: so you dapple and sound  
in the human soul,

**Low voices: so you stir into motion  
all that lives.**

High voices: Let your graces of healing  
flow this day...

**Low voices: ... there are agonies in the  
life of the world.  
Amen.**

## **Song of Response: Psalm 23**

By Stuart Townend

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.

### REFRAIN

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. (Refrain)

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. (Refrain)

## **Second Reading: John 10:1-30**

*[Narrator: Rev. Sharon; Jesus: John Luccock]*

[Jesus said:] “I assure you that whoever doesn’t enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won’t follow a stranger but will run away because they don’t know the stranger’s voice.”

Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn’t understand what he was saying.

So Jesus spoke again, “I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn’t listen to them.

I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy.

I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.”

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That’s because he isn’t the shepherd; the sheep aren’t really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He’s only a hired hand and the sheep don’t matter to him.”

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.”

“This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father.”

There was another division among the [First Century Religious leaders] because of Jesus' words. Many of them said, "He has a demon and has lost his mind. Why listen to him?" Others said, "These aren't the words of someone who has a demon. Can a demon heal the eyes of people who are blind?"

The time came for the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple, walking in the covered porch named for Solomon. The [religious opposition] circled around him and asked,

"How long will you test our patience?

If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I have told you, but you don't believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you don't believe because you don't belong to my sheep.

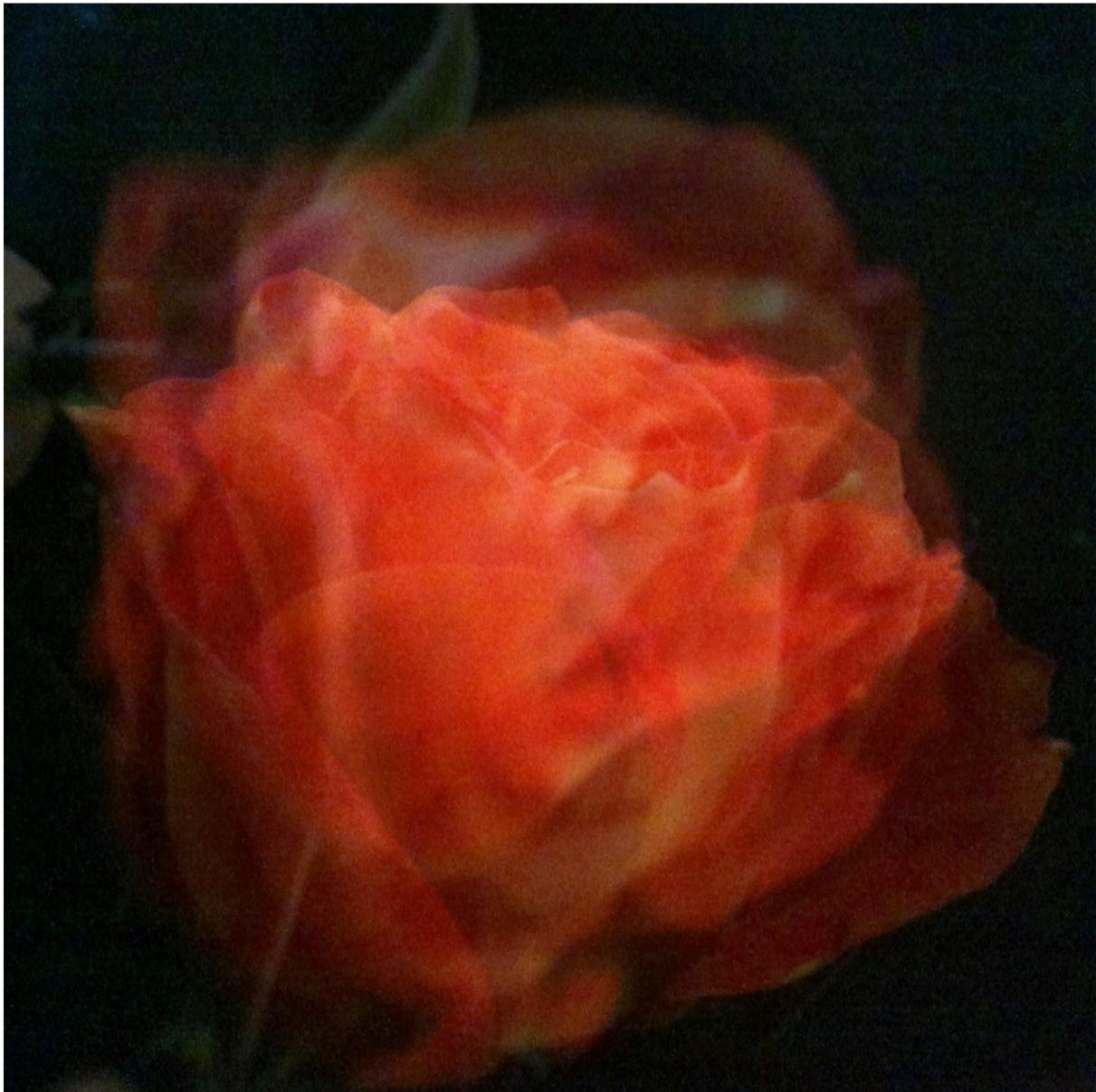
My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

## Reflections: Rev. Sharon

### Silent Reflection:

*The community are invited to respond in silent contemplation.*

*The time ends with the sound of a singing bowl.*



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# ***PRAYER***

## **Prayers of Concern:**

*(Adapted from a prayer by Carol Penner on Psalm 23)*

Leader: Gentle Shepherd:

Thank you for the way you have led us to green pastures and still water;  
you've shown us beauty this week that has fed our souls.

**All: The brilliant green of the trees glowing  
in the morning sun,  
the delicate symphony the birds  
sing each morning,  
the caress of the soft rain  
on our upraised cheeks.**

*Please add your prayers of thanksgiving silently or aloud.*

Leader: Some of us have walked  
through dark valleys this week,

**All: and all of us know someone in a dark valley, valleys  
of sickness, grief, uncertainty, fear.**

*Please add your prayers silently or aloud.*

Leader: You meet us there in the darkness,  
you protect us.

Enemies are present in our lives;  
forces that would take us away from you.  
Pride, envy, hatred, selfishness,  
all played out on individual  
and corporate levels.

**All: We need your help in our lives,  
forgiving us, encouraging us.**

Leader: We call on you for help; you guide us  
carefully.

*The leader adds specific prayers at this time.*

Leader: You provide for our needs  
You anoint us with the oil of blessing, and  
you gift us with grace.

**All: We give thanks for this good life,  
for life and breath this day,  
a day to praise and thank you, Amen.**

## The Light of Peace

*A member of the community lights a candle from the Altar light and walks it down the aisle and lights votive candles.*

Presider:            We light this candle in the name  
                             of the Creator.  
                             We light this candle in the name  
                             of Christ.  
                             We light this candle in the name  
                             of the Spirit.

Presider:            May the peace of God – Creator,  
                             Christ and Holy Spirit be always  
                             with you,  
                             and those you love.

**People:            And also with you.**

*The community are invited to gesture to one another a sign of peace, respecting social distancing.*

*You are invited to light candles for people and places that have no peace.*

# **COMMUNION**

## **Preparing the Table: Instrumental**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer** (*Supplementary Prayer 2*)

Presider: May God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to God.**

Presider: Let us offer thanks to God our Creator.

**People It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider: Holy God, Lover of creation,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for in the ocean of your steadfast love  
you bear us and place the song  
of your Spirit in our hearts.  
When we turn from your love and defile  
the earth, you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and  
Micah,  
through prophets, sages, and saints in  
every age, to confront our sin  
and reveal the vision of your new  
creation.

Joining in the song of the universe  
we proclaim your glory singing:



Presider:

Rejected by a world that could not  
bear the Gospel of life,  
Jesus knew death was near.  
His head anointed for burial by an  
unknown woman,  
Jesus gathered together those who loved  
him.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it  
and gave it to his friends,  
saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which  
is given for you. Do this for the  
remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of  
you, this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the  
remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response  
to his commandment,  
to share the bread and cup of Christ's  
undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**All:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Presider:

Breathe your Holy Spirit,

**All:**

**the wisdom of the universe,**

**upon these gifts that we bring to you:**

**this bread, this cup,**

**ourselves, our souls and bodies,**

**that we may be signs of your love for all**

**the world and ministers of your**

**transforming purpose.**

Presider:

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory is yours, Creator of all,

and we bless your holy name for ever.

**People:**

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer (*Sung*):**

**All:                    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.**

## **Fraction (Breaking the Bread):**

Presider: Lord, we died with you the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in the tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **Invitation to the Table:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of  
God

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ***Communion:***

*All people are welcome to receive Communion of one kind (Wafers), or Communion of one or both kinds at the Altar.*

*Gluten free wafer are available upon request.*

*Please sanitize your hands before receiving.*

*While the communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence.*

*Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.*

## **Communion Hymn: Shepherd of My Soul**

*By Martin Nostrum*

Shepherd of my soul I give You full control  
Wherever You may lead I will follow  
I have made the choice to listen for Your voice  
Wherever You may lead I will go

Be it in a quiet pasture or by a gentle breeze  
The shepherd of my soul is by my side  
Should I face a mighty mountain or a valley dark and  
deep  
The shepherd of my soul will be my guide

Shepherd of my soul I give You full control  
Wherever You may lead I will follow  
I have made the choice to listen for Your voice  
Wherever You may lead I will go

# ***SENDING***

## **Announcements – Rev. Sharon**

**Blessing:** *Adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

Presider:           Savor the still pastures,  
                          the deep, green waters,  
                          trust and remember them;  
                          stay faithful to the harmonious path  
                          and the One who leads you on it,

                          And the blessing of God:  
                          Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all life  
                          Be always with you. Amen.

## **Sending Song: In Christ Alone**

By Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

**Dismissal:**

**Presider:**

Go – love wholeheartedly  
Live as you were created  
And be instruments of peace in  
our  
fragmented world.

**People:**

**Thanks be to God.**



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# SPECIAL VESTRY

Reminder: Special Vestry  
Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Following the Service  
Zoom & In person

Reserve your spot  
Email, call or drop by the office  
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