

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
FOURTH OF EASTER SUNDAY
April 21, 2024

WELCOME

AND



Meeting on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(you may remain seated during the welcome)

OPENING HYMN: CP 572 Let There Be Light

Frances Wheeler Davis, 1971 CONCORD — R.J.B. Fleming, 1976

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| 1. Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face; | 4. hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name; |
| 2. open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace; | 5. thy kingdom come,
thy spirit turn to language,
thy people speak together,
thy spirit never fade; |
| 3. perish the sword,
perish the angry judgment,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain; | 6. let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made. |

GATHERING:

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.

GLORY TO GOD:

CP 686

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to 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.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 23

Cantor

CP 519 [metrical] The Lord's My Shepherd

Francis Rous, 1650 CRIMOND — Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1872

1. 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.

2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

3. 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.

4. My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore

my dwelling place shall be.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: CP 405 Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Donald Fishel, 1973 ALLELUIA NO.1 — Donald Fishel, 1973

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. *Refrain*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and is risen. *Refrain*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

(It is our custom to remain standing for the reading of the gospel. Please stand as you are able)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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3. We have been crucified with Christ: now we shall live forever. *Refrain*

4. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain*

SERMON:

The Rev. Susan Hermanson

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Keep Thy Lambs”

(13871) Music: Robert J. Powell, Text: Jane E. Leeson ©St. James Music Press

AFFIRMING OUR CHRISTIAN NARRATIVE

L.A. We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty. We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son. We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit. We believe and trust in the Three in One. *(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

Silence is kept.

L.A. 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:

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

OFFERTORY HYMN: CP 514 Jesus Joy of *Our* Desiring *Martin Janus, 17c.;*
tr. Robert Bridges, 1899 WERDE MÜNTER — *Johann Schop, 1642 [arr. J.S. Bach*

1. Jesus, joy of our desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne.

2. Through the way where hope is guiding,
hark, what peaceful music rings,
where the flock, in thee confiding,
drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own
in the love of joys unknown.

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: (Eucharistic Prayer Island B)
(You are invited to stand or sit during the Eucharistic Prayer as you desire)

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and eternal One, in whom we live and move and have our being. You are our origin and our fulfillment; we praise and thank you for drawing us to this

sacred meal. From the ocean of your primal love, you fashioned the marvel of creation, and beauty of human life. From this land of towering forests and mist laden coastlines, you humble us and affirm the sacred gift of all creation, calling us to care for everything given and received.

Glory to you, source of all life

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands and inlets learned their dependence on your provision, salmon and deer, song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

Glory to you, source of all life

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself, and make all things new in him. Now, gathered from many places, and joining with the saints of every time and place, we raise our thankful voices in songs of unending praise.

SANCTUS

CP 719

**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.

Blessed are you, most holy One: For on the night before he died Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to all gathered, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me."

"Behold, I am with you to the end of the age".

Therefore, God of all creation, we lift this Bread of Life, and this Cup of Salvation. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts, and upon us, that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

Glory to you, source of all life

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ, and bring us to that heavenly table, where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew. Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you, Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Music by Mary Jackson for St. Paul's

And now as our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

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 for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

The One who defeated death and injustice is now present in this bread. The One who offers our life promise and hope is now present in this wine.

Breaking into our lives and community, we ask God for new life in Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION:

All are welcome to join us for communion. Our practice is to share the wine from a common cup.

For health reasons you are asked not to dip the bread wafer into the wine.

If you prefer, you may receive bread only. If you are gluten free, please ask for a gluten free wafer.

If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms in front of you to indicate to the clergy that you would like a blessing instead. We are happy to come to your seat to serve communion if you are unable to come forward – do let the greeter know.

COMMUNION HYMN: CP 085 Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless
James Montgomery, 1819 ST.AGNES [Durham] — J.B. Dykes, 1866

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

2. We would not live by bread alone,
but by your word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.

3. Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.

4. Lord, sup with us in love divine;
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us pray,

**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

SENDING FORTH HYMN: CP 570 Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
attrib. John Fawcett, 1786 SICILIAN MARINERS — trad. Sicilian

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;

fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us,
travelling through the wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration
for the gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
may your presence, may your presence,
with us evermore be found.

DISMISSAL

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Through his resurrection we are raised to new life. Alleluia!