

**Easter 4**  
**Sunday 21 April 2024**  
**8 am Holy Eucharist**

*The Book of Common Prayer Communion service is found in the accompanying booklet.*

*The Congregation joins in on the **bold font**.*

**Collect of the Day**

**Lord of the sheepfold,  
whose love is not for hire:  
we thank you that Christ laid down his life for us  
when we could not help ourselves.  
Give us strength to work for peace in the world he came  
to serve;  
through the same Jesus Christ, the good shepherd.  
Amen.**

**The First Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

The Epistle is taken from the first Letter of John, chapter three, beginning at the sixteenth verse:

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>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?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we

ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.

Here endeth the Epistle.

### **Gradual Psalm: 23**

**THE LORD is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.**

**2 He shall feed me in a green pasture,  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.**

**3 He shall restore my soul,  
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,  
for his Name's sake.**

**4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.**

**5 THOU shalt prepare a table before me  
in the presence of them that trouble me;  
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.**

**6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## **The Gospel: John 10:11-18**

The Lord be with you,  
**and with thy Spirit.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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.'

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to thee, O Christ.**

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Next Sunday's Readings for April 28, 2024:** Acts 8:26-40;  
*Psalm 22:24-30; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8*

### **This Week at Holy Trinity Cathedral**

#### **Today 21 April 2024**

12 noon – 1:00 pm Parish Worship Forum (Hall)

#### **Tuesday 23 April 2024**

11:00 am – noon Women's Prayer Group (Cathedral)

#### **Wednesday 24 April 2024**

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

*followed with coffee and conversation (Lounge)*

10:30-11:30 am Bible Study (Lounge)

#### **Thursday 25 April 2024**

5.30 pm Vespers (Zoom)

7:30 pm Choir Practice (Lounge)

#### **Saturday 26 April 2024**

11.00 am HTC Brunch Club  
(Parish Hall)

**Sunday 28 April 2024**

8.00 am BCP Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)

10 am Choral Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)

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