All Saints' Church

Sunday 3rd May 2020

Easter 4



"...the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out."

Extending God's Welcome to All.

Committed to Grow – in Discipleship, Service and Numbers

Even though we are separated physically at this time, we still belong together as the Lord's people. We are united by his Spirit, as we worship and pray now.

Jesus said, 'I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'

You may wish to light a <u>candle</u>, and if you would like to share in Communion, prepare a table with <u>bread and wine</u>.

The service order has <u>links to the songs</u>.

HYMN The Lord's my Shepherd

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0

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

Stuart Townend, based on Psalm 23

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Alleluia, Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Preparation: This prayer is said

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.

Prayers of Penitence

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

'Gloria in Excelsis'

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

The minister leads us in the special prayer (the 'Collect') for today

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection
and the life;
raise us who trust in him
from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things that are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God,
now and for ever.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-end

- ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.
- 22 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'
- ²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ 'He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.' ²⁵ For 'you were like sheep going astray,' but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

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

The good shepherd and his sheep

'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice. ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to your O Christ

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon by Revd Canon Martin Greenfield

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe.

Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

By Rosemary Kempsell



The priest greets the people in 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

The table is prepared.

Song: Remember Me

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH OUR SAVIOUR WAS BETRAY'D

He broke the bread and to His friends, He said: "Take and eat, this is my body giv'n for you, Take and drink, this blood of mine is shed for you" Do this always to remember me, remember me."

In the night in which our Saviour was denied He bowed His head, and to the Father cried: "If it be your will, let this cup pass from me If it be your will, spare me this agony, In my darkest hour will you remember me? Remember me."

In the night in which my deepest doubts are known You come to me and i am not alone; When I taste your blood and body giv'n for me, When I hear your prayer in dark Gethsemane, Then I know you will remember me, remember me.

O Lord, remember me, remember me.

William E. Booth-Clibborn

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest. Make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You give us your love, even when things go wrong.
Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

Amen.

Let us pray

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world. God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The Invitation

Christ welcomes you to his table. Draw near with faith.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Grant us peace.

The Holy Communion is distributed.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen** The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Time of Quiet

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen

CLOSING HYMN: O Jesus I have Promised

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=aNz-33V1V8A

O JESUS I HAVE PROMSED

to serve Thee to the end.
Be Thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle,
if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway,
if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking, in accents clear and still. Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control. O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised, to all who follow Thee.
That where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised, to serve Thee to the end.
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see Thy footmarks, and in them plant mine own. My hope to follow duly, is in Thy strength alone. O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end And then in heaven receive me My Saviour and my Friend. And then in heaven receive me My Saviour and my friend!

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

Prayer of God's Blessing

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.



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