



## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

St. Augustine Parkland Anglican Church  
131 Church Road  
Spruce Grove Alberta

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service, May 8th, 2022

*Rector: Father Neil Gordon*

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### **Here I Am to Worship (Pre-Service Hymn)**

Light of the World, you stepped down into darkness, - opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore you, - hope of a life spent with you.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, - here I am to say that you're my God,  
and you're altogether lovely, - altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, O so highly exalted, - glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came to the earth you created, - all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, - here I am to say that you're my God,  
and you're altogether lovely, - altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost, - to see my sin upon that cross.  
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and you're altogether lovely, - altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

### **O Praise Ye the Lord - CP 330**

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height; - rejoice in God's Word, ye angel of light;  
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, - and worship before him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth; - in tuneful accord, give thank for new birth;  
praise God who hath brought you all grace from above, - praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound; - each jubilant chord re-echo around;  
loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone, and sweet hard, the story of what God hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song - be ever outpoured all ages along;  
for love in creation, for heaven restored, - for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

### **The Gathering of the Community**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* May he fill our hearts with joy.

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
*People* 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.

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,  
*People* 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 Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* Please join me in today's Collect,  
All: O God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,  
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading (Betty)**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 23 - The Lord's My Shepherd - CP 519**

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.

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

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, - yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod - and staff me comfort still.

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

Goodness and mercy all my life - shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore -my dwelling place shall be.

### **Second Reading (Elizabeth)**

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Revive Thy Work, O Lord - CP 454**

Revive thy work, O Lord, - thy mighty arm make bare;  
speak with the voice that wakes the dead, - and make thy people hear.

Revive thy work, O Lord, - disturb this sleep of death;  
quicken the smouldering embers now - by thine almighty breath.

Revive thy work, O Lord, - create soul-thirst for thee;  
and hungering for the bread of life - O may our spirits be.

Revive thy work, O Lord, - exalt thy precious name;  
and, by the Holy Ghost sent down, - our love for thee inflame.

Revive thy work, O Lord, - and give refreshing showers.  
The glory shall be all thine own; - the blessing, Lord, be ours.

## **Gospel**

*Reader* THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

*People* **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

#### **The Apostle's Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People (Bob)**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant invites people to confession in these are similar words*

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.*

*The officiant and people say together,*

**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.**

*Celebrant says,*

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you!

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **Be Unto Your Name**

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time;  
We are a vapour, You are eternal, Love ever lasting, reigning on high.

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, worthy is the lamb who was slain;  
highest praises honour and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;  
You are the love song we'll sing forever, bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, worthy is the lamb who was slain;  
highest praises honour and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant*: Please join me in the prayer over the gifts,

*All*: **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.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer 1**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God...

...Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All* ***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord***

***God of power and might***

***Heaven and earth of Your glory are full***

***Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest***

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord***

***God of power and might***

***Heaven and earth of Your glory are full***

***Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest***

***Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord***

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

*God of power and might*

*Heaven and earth of Your glory are full*

*Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest*

*Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest*

*Celebrant* Holy God, source of life and goodness...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*All* Christ has died.

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, ...All glory and honour are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

*People* Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* 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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*People* Now we are raised to new life.

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*People* Now we share in your resurrection.

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **The Communion**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **I Am the Bread of Life**

I am the bread of life, - he who comes to me shall not hunger,

he who believes in me shall not thirst. - No one can come to me - unless the Father draw him.

And He will raise us up - And He will raise us up - And He will raise us up on the last day.

The bread that I shall give - is my flesh for the life of the world  
and he who eats of this bread, he shall live forever - he shall live forever.

And He will raise us up - And He will raise us up - And He will raise us up on the last day.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood, and drink his blood - you shall not have life within you.

And He will raise us up - And He will raise us up - And He will raise us up on the last day.

I am the resurrection, I am the life,  
he who believes in me even if he die, - he shall live forever.

And He will raise us up - And He will raise us up - And He will raise us up on the last day.

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God - who has come into the world.

And He will raise us up - And He will raise us up - And He will raise us up on the last day.

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Please join with me in the prayer after communion.

*All:* **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.**

*Celebrant:* Glory to God,

*People:* **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.**

## **The Blessing**

### **The King of Love My Shepherd Is - CP 520**

The King of love my shepherd is; - whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his - and he is mine forever.

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 forever!

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### ***Please remember in your prayers this week:***

- We pray for Metropolitan Greg, Primate Linda, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Father Neil and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Diocese of Montreal: the Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin Gibson, Bishop. Holy Trinity, Edson: Johnny Pooten, Rector. Buyé Diocese, Nyamabuye Parish: Emmanuel Habindemyi, Rector. Frog Lake First Nation.
- in the world Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.
- We pray for the sick, the bereaved and those with special needs, especially remembering Bill, George, Margaret, Stephen, Bud, Vicki, Maxine, Charles, Lesley, Carola, Linda, Greg, Stella, Barb, and Terry.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Arlene, Elmer, Dan & Candace, Randy & Hazel, Laverne; and their families.