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*Spring flowers growing amongst dead leaves in Britannia Bay
Photo by Helen Norman*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25th, 2021

9:30 am

Zoom service that will also be recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn

The Rev. Simone Hurkmans

The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty

Music: Edith Troup

Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather virtually, we acknowledge with gratitude the land that has been inhabited and cared for by Indigenous peoples from the beginning, and, in particular, the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. We also recognize the contributions that Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our communities.

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us worship God, glorious creator.

All: We will praise God for the gifts of the towering mountains and fast running waters, the soaring eagles and the busy bees.

Officiant: Let us worship God, eternally compassionate one.

All: We will thank God, with us in the times of challenge and greatest need.

Officiant: Let us worship God, who anointed Jesus.

All: We will glorify God for the selfless life, the cross-death, and the risen presence of Jesus.

Officiant: We join with all those who seek the ways of love—

All: love that is beyond limits, beyond words, beyond time. This is our loving God.

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

Officiant: Lord of the sheepfold, whose love is not for hire:

All: 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 is from Acts (4:5-12)

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

One: The Lord is my shepherd;

All: I shall not be in want.

One: You make me lie down in green pastures

All: and lead me beside still waters.

One: You revive my soul
All: and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

One: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

All: I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;

One: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

All: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

One: you have anointed my head with oil,

All: and my cup is running over.

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

All: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading is from 1 John (3:16-24)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 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? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. 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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is #520

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

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 for ever!

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (10:11-18)

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Officiant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,

All: 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.

Prayers of the People

(prepared by Jarrett Carty)

One: With boldness, let us offer our prayers to the shepherd of our souls, saying, God of goodness and mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the church in every place. We pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy, and Brian, pastor of First United. Gather us together and make us one, one in ministry and mission to the world, so that there will be one flock, one shepherd. God of goodness and mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the nations of the world. Anoint all leaders with your wisdom so that they will use their power to help the poor and defend the vulnerable. God of goodness and mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for this community. Strengthen those who work each day to heal the sick, welcome the outcasts, and help sisters and brothers in need. God of goodness and mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for friends and loved ones. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Carran** (Taylor); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **David** (Nador); **Bart** (Beglo); **Dan** (Gates); **Steve** (Jodoin); **Tony** (Fisher); **Chris** (Livers); **Helen** (Miller); **Flo** (Warner)

One: and those whom we name silently or aloud. . . . We pray for those who have died. We remember with thanksgiving the lives of Olwyn, Allan, and Tim Schoorl, who died one year ago this week, and we pray for Helen, Mike, and Devin who have sustained such a tragic loss. We also pray for Bishop Michael Bedford-Jones, those whom we name silently and aloud, . . . and those who mourn them. Comfort all who are suffering; walk with them through dark valleys and restore them, body, mind, and soul. God of goodness and mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, help us to keep your commandments and to love one another with the love of Jesus, in whose holy name we pray.

All: Amen.

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Officiant: Most merciful God,

People: 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, 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.

Officiant: 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 Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #585

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

**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 for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Glory to God,

All: 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.

Officiant: Let us speak out for the Christian faith, for God's chosen one, Jesus, and for the saints.

All: We will tend the sick, offer hope to the depressed, and comfort the bereaved.

Officiant: Let us speak out, but also remember that it is our actions that will speak most clearly of what we believe.

All: We will expose the manipulators, defy the powerful, and inspire the downhearted.

Officiant: And the blessing

Announcements

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Readings for Next Sunday, May 2nd, 2021

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;

1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Reader: Eleanor Conn

Intercessor: Jarrett Carty

Please pray this week for

- all those worshipping and ministering at
 - St. Mark the Evangelist, Ottawa; and
 - the Parish of Pakenham;
- the Chaplain of the Ottawa Fire Department, The Reverend Canon John Bridges;
- those in our pastoral care: Allan and Gail McGregor and Loris Jordan; and
- the Carlington Health Centre and the Carlington Chaplaincy

Credits:

Opening and closing prayers from Responsive Prayers: For Every Week of the Church Year, David Sparks, Year B

Collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Psalms reprinted from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

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*Sheep safely grazing; Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg, ON
Photo: Christopher Dunn*

Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro

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This Week

Monday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm		Food Bank
Tuesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	5:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank
	7:00 pm	Theophany Project	Zoom
Friday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

Upcoming Events

Morning Prayer

Tuesday to Friday (until Pentecost), at 9:00 am, via Zoom

Join Simone for Morning Prayer and start your day off right! Due to the popularity of Morning Prayer during Lent, these sessions will continue until Pentecost (Sunday, May 23rd). The Zoom link is the same as for the Lenten sessions, and Chris will continue sending the link in his emails.

Theophany Project

Thursdays, April 29th, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom

"There are many ways that God makes God's self known." On Thursday, April 29th, join us for the last session of the Theophany Project: "Experiences of God's Presence in Scripture." Led by John Wilker-Blakley and Linda Privitera, the sessions will be broadcast over Zoom; Even if you haven't "attended" the other sessions, you are welcome to join the conversation. Chris will send the Zoom link in his email.

Bible on Tap

Wednesday, May 5th, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Join Simone for a discussion of our upcoming Bible readings. Chris will send out the Zoom link in his email next week.