



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Sunday, April 21, 2024

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Officiant: Dear friends, we gather on the ancestral territory of the Anishnaabeg Algonquin, the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet.

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

**HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia! CP 206  
(V. 1,2,4)**

**Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!  
earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia!  
sing, ye heavens and earth reply: alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!  
fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!  
following our exalted head, alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!**

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Officiant: May his grace and peace be with you.

**All: May he fill our hearts with joy.**

## CHILDREN'S TALK

*(Children are invited to come forward during the last verse of the Opening Hymn. The children may join the Church School following the talk.)*

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: Let us pray.

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.

**All: Amen.**

### **The First Reading is from Acts (4:5-12).**

The 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**  
**519**

**THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD CP**

**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,  
e'en 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 richly spread  
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;**

**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

Abba, Abba, Hear Us

ACS 1072



1 "Ab - ba, Ab - ba, hear us," we cry; God's Spir - it  
2 With the whole cre - a - tion we cry, groan as in  
3 As we pray, the Spir - it breathes sighs, sighs far too



cries in us, names us a - dopt - ed and be - lov - ed  
child - birth. Soon all sin, all death's de - cay will be no  
deep for words; God, who search - es hearts and knows the Spir - it's



heirs, the heirs of God. All cre - a - tion  
more; we shall be free. All cre - a - tion  
mind, hears all our prayer. All cre - a - tion



waits, ea - ger and long - ing, for the glo - rious  
waits, ea - ger and long - ing; for the prom - ised  
waits, ea - ger and long - ing. As we live in



free - dom of God's chil - dren soon will be re - vealed.  
glo - ry that we soon shall see we wait and pray.  
hope, we know that in all things God works for good.

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**

### **BAPTISMAL RITE**

Officiant: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Parents and Sponsors: We present EunByol Sylvie Bak Felak to receive the sacrament of baptism.**

Officiant: Will you promise to help EunByol grow in the faith and be nurtured in the life of the Christian community?

**Answer: We will, with God's help.**

Officiant: Will you by your prayers and witness help EunByol to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**Answer: We will, with God's help.**

Officiant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer: We renounce them.**

Officiant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer: We renounce them.**

Officiant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer: We renounce them.**

Officiant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

**Answer: We do.**

Officiant: Do you put your whole trust in Jesus' grace and love?

**Answer: We do.**

Officiant: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

**Answer: We do.**

Officiant: People of God, do you promise to support **EunByol** and to pray for her new life in Christ?

**All: We do.**

One: Loving God, let us pray for **EunByol** who is to receive the sacrament of baptism, and we pray for her parents and Godparents that they may be guided by your hand as they raise this beautiful child. God of love,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for our world and for our community; that EunByol may inherit a world that is peaceful, sustainable and fair. Help her, and all of us, to see the beauty in nature and marvel at the wonder of your creation. God of wonder,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for our church and for all people of faith. In our Anglican communion we pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Christopher, our National Indigenous Bishop; Shane, our Bishop; our clergy, Kathryn and Chung Yan and Brian, pastor of First

United. May they continue to foster a diverse Christian faith where EunByol can grow, flourish, and find strength in her church community. God of glory,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for all who need your healing touch and for all who care for them. We lift up to you those in our community who have asked for our prayers:

**All:** **Linda T.; Alana A.; Kevin A.; Emily S.; Shari R.; Peter F.; Michael F.; Brian O.; Michael L.; Cinde C.; Mary H.; Véronique S.; Sylvia K.; Charlotte M.; Sonia A.; Rowan J.; Samia M.**

One: ...and those we name silently or aloud, God of healing,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for all those who have died, and for those who mourn their passing. On April 16th we remember Molly Brant, Mohawk leader and devoted Anglican, and on April 25th we celebrate Saint Mark, beloved disciple, church builder, evangelist and martyr. We give thanks for their faithful service. God of compassion,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

One: Creator God, you call us to live by the truth and come into the light, in receiving our prayers, help us to live as Easter people whose good deeds are seen plainly and in the sight of God.

**All:** **Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Officiant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and

resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Loving God , for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Officiant: Let us join with **EunByol** and her family who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Officiant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

Officiant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness**



**of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Officiant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Officiant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Officiant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Officiant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Officiant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Officiant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

**Pronouns: EunByol Sylvie Bak Felak (she/her)**

**Sponsors: Eric Neudorf and Gina Bak**

**Parents: Erin Felak and Brad Wassink**

Officiant: **EunByol**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Officiant: I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Officiant: Heavenly Creator, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant, **EunByol**, the forgiveness of sin and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy

Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

**All: Amen.**

Officiant: Receive the light of Christ, to show that move forward in the light.

**All: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your God in heaven.**

Officiant: Let us welcome **EunByol** into our community, the newly baptized.

**All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

**All: And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN Standing on the Promises (V. 1,2,5)**

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

*Refrain*

**Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Saviour;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,**

**Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain***

**Standing on the promises I shall not fall,  
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call.  
Resting in my Savior as my All in all,  
Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain***

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Officiant: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Officiant: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Officiant: Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and  
praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear  
us

and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When  
we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not  
abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,  
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,  
to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new  
creation. Joining in the song of the universe we  
proclaim your glory singing:

**All: (*For Sunday 8:00 am and Wednesday 10:30 am  
services*) 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.**

*(For Sunday 9:30 am service)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

**CP 732**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

Officiant: Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near.

His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Officiant: Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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

**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 forever. Amen.**

Officiant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Officiant: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Officiant: Live in us, that we may live in you. The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Officiant: With those joining us online, I will lead the Prayer for Spiritual Communion: In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death,

O Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory.

Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come.

**All: Amen.**

### **COMMUNION HYMN      BUILD A LONGER TABLE    ACS 1062**

Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;  
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.  
For any place where justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Officiant: 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.

**All: 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: and the blessing...

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Blessing Song:

**May the Lord rejoice with you,  
may the Lord bless you,  
and make his face to shine upon you,  
the God of Heaven loves you.**

**HYMN      God Be with You Till We Meet Again      ELW 536**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

*Refrain*

**Till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again,)  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
holy wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain***

**God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain***

**DISMISSAL**

**LM:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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