

# ***St. Hugh & St. Edmund Anglican Church, Malton***

***May 3, 2020: The Fourth Sunday of Easter***

## **Opening Hymn**

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

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

*People* May he fill our hearts with joy.

*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.

### **Glory to God**

*Officiant* Glory to God in the highest,  
*All* 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**

*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.

*People* Amen.

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

*Please refer to the following pages for a copy of this Sunday's readings.*

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**Collect:** 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.

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon every-one, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and gener-ous hearts, 47 praising God and having the good-will of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. ACTS 2:42-47

**PSALM**

*Refrain* **The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.** 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R** 3 He revives my soul and guides me along right path-ways for his name's sake. 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R** 5 You spread a ta-ble before me in the presence of those who trou-ble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. 6 Surely your good-ness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R** PSALM 23

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER**

19 For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. 20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should fol-low in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24 He him-self bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteous-ness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. 1 PETER 2:19-25

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

Jesus said, 1 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 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 hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." JOHN 10:1-10

**Prayer over the gifts:** 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.

**Prayer after communion:** 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 the risen Lord. Amen.

## The Sermon

## Hymn for Reflection

### The Nicene Creed

*Officiant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All* We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **Easter Season**

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,  
“Hear us, Lord of glory!”)

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and  
life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength  
in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in  
Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the  
earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*All* 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.

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Officiant* 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.

*Officiant* Most merciful God,  
*All* 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.

*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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

## **The Peace**

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

*People* And also with you.

## **Offertory Hymn**

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*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.

*People* Amen.

### **The Doxology**

*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.

### **The Blessing**

*Officiant* The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

### **Dismissal**

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Closing Hymn**