

St. Hugh & St. Edmund Anglican Church, Malton

April 25, 2021: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Opening Hymn: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

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.

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

Celebrant 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Sentence: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord, I know my own and my own know me.

Collect:

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.

**A Reading from the Book of Acts.**

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." (The Word of the Lord)

Acts 4.5-12

Psalm (Refrain: *The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want.*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. **R.** 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.** You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. **R.** Surely your goodness 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 John.

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. (The word of the Lord)

1 John 3.16-24

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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."

John 10.11-18

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.

Prayer after Communion:

God of steadfast love, Watch over your 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.

The Sermon

Hymn for Reflection: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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

(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; God
welcomes sinners and invites them to this 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: *Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him*

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 May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the
eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you
may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his
sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*