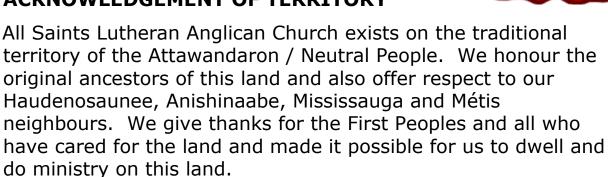
April 30, 2023

Easter 4 Red Dress Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.



Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honour to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns forever. **Amen.**

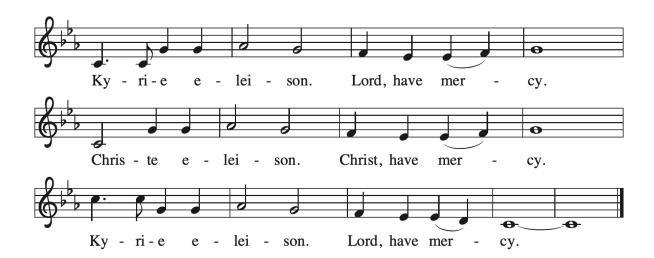
GATHERING SONG God is Here! RED 526

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM The Lord is my Shepherd

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

A description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people.

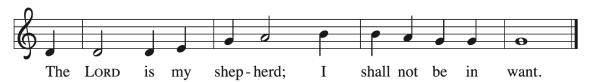
⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23



- ¹The LORD is my shepherd;
 - I shall not | be in want.
- ²The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.
- ³You restore my | soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
- ⁴Though 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

5You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;

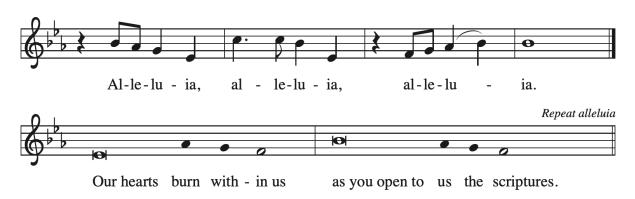
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. R



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used

this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY The Lord's My Shepherd BLUE 519

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. We pray especially for those marking their baptismal anniversaries this week: Gina Artuso and Katie Worthen. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Deacon Chris, Anna-Liisa, Ross and Karen and their family, Bud and Joanne, Ruth, Cathy, David, Bill, Isa, Benito, Zoilita, and those we remember before you in our hearts... (silence...). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Jesus we have a shepherd who is always seeking out the least and the lost. In Canada, these are Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people who have suffered at the hands of those exercising power and dominance. There are so many murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls in our land, we don't even know all their names. With your shepherding love, comfort those living in fear for their lives, and console the loved ones of those who are missing. Give us the courage and the will to bring an end to cultures of domination and, instead, seek out and care

for the most vulnerable among us, that all might live with the dignity and abundance you desire for your children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY As We Gather at Your Table BLUE 61

(verse 1 only)
As we gather at your table,

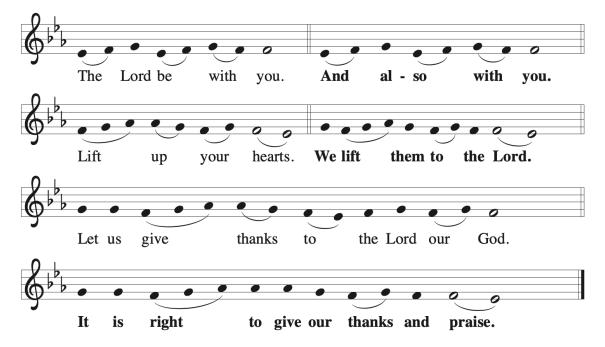
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

...and join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,

who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

LEAD SHEET

The Lord's Prayer

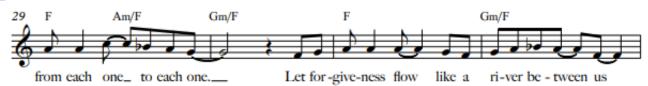
Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother

Words: Parker J. Palmer

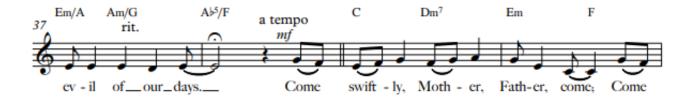
This music is dedicated to the memory of Larry Boyehuk, whose radiant light and love will always shine through the darkness. Music: Chellan Hoffman and Stephen D. Miller, 2017

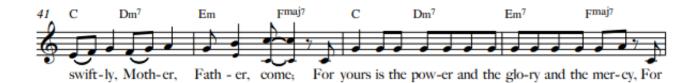




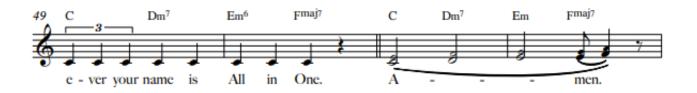














INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS



Be not Afraid RED 388
Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless BLUE 85

Shepherd Me, O God RED 780

BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,
To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.

SENDING SONG Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing RED 544

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

