## EASY PRINT – Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 21, 2024

Welcome – Fr. Daniel

Processional Hymn: #278 – "JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN"

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blessed, beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice oppressed. I know not, O I know not what joys await us there, what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion, all jubilant with song, and bright with many an angel and all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene, the pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David, and there, from care released, the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast; and they who with their leader have conquered in the fight, forever and forever are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect; O dear and future vision, that eager hearts expect: even now by faith we see thee, even here thy walls discern; to thee our thoughts are kindled; for thee our spirits yearn.

# **▼** The Gathering of the Community

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Leader: 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.

#### The Gloria

Please remain standing & sing



- 1. Glo-ry, in the high est glo ry, peace to all, in all their days.
- 2. Je sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, Lamb of God, for sin-ners given,



Wor-ship, thanks, and praise un-ceasing to the Source of all we raise: Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma-ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign-ing in the sap-phire height, hid-den from our mor-tal sight, ho-ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re-ceive our a - dor-a-tion, as we make our sup-pli-ca-tion. with the Spir - it there u-nit-ed, and the God-head high ex-alt - ed.

## The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: 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.

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Please be seated

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the highpriest, 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: The word of the Lord.

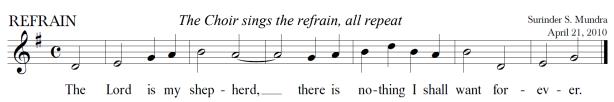
Acts 4.5-1

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm #23

Please remain seated



Cantor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. / He makes me lie down in

green pastures; // he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. /

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. // REFRAIN

Cantor: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, / I fear no evil; for you

are with me; // your rod and your staff— / they comfort me. //

REFRAIN

Cantor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; / you

anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. // Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, / and I shall dwell in the

house of the Lord my whole life long. // REFRAIN

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Please be seated

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord. 1 John 3.16-24

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Sequence Hymn: #620 – "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" The first three verses are sung before the Gospel.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place, my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.

The last two verses will be sung; after the Gospel..

The Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

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

All: Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

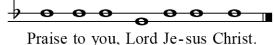
Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

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."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 10.11-18

All:



The last two verses will be sung; after the Gospel.

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend, my prophet, priest, and king, my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

**Sermon** Please be seated

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Leader: 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.

All: 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

Please kneel or be seated

The Leader offers prayers for the church, the world, the sick and the suffering, and those who have died.

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

Leader: For the holy Church of God, for our Bishops, Andrew and Kevin; for all bishops and other ministers within the Toronto Anglican Diocese, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the mission of the Church, in the Mississauga Deanery we pray for ..., in our own parish for the .... We pray that in faithful witness the church may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel; that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; ..., for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, ... all for whom the memorial flowers are offered today, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist

and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our

life to Christ our Lord.

All: To you, O Lord our God.

Leader: Almighty God,

All: you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we

glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit,

now and for ever. Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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

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.

Priest: 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.

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

People: And also with you.

The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members. We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

Offertory Hymn: #519 – "THE LORD MY SHEPHERD" (Hymn Requested)

All sing

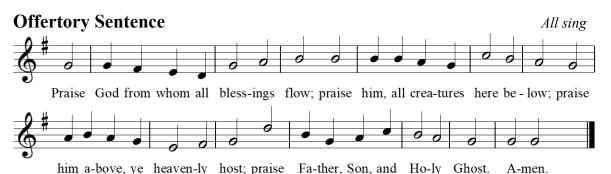
The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want: he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through 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 furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

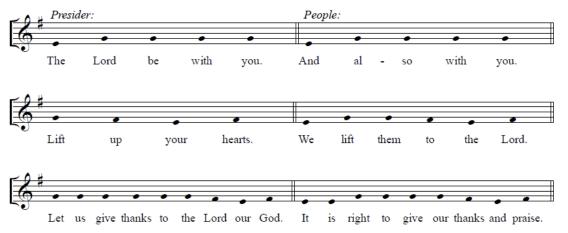
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God's house for evermore my dwelling—place shall be.



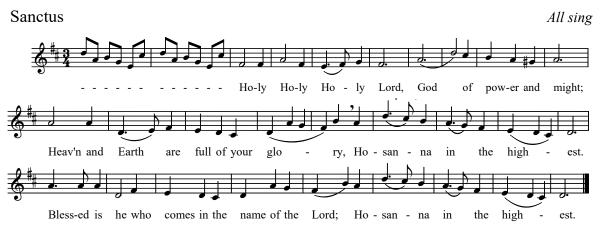
### **▼** The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: 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.



Priest: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



Please kneel or be seated

Priest: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;

Priest: he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After *supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,* and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

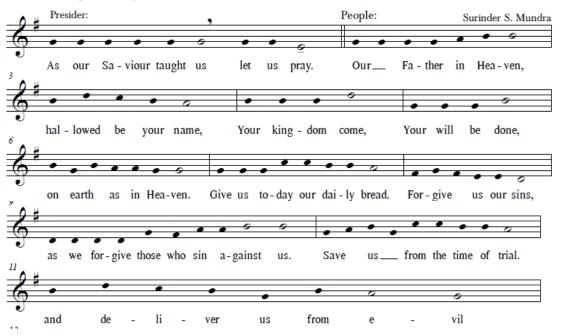
## All: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

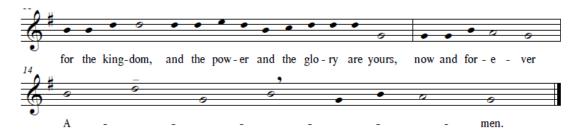
Priest: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

All sing





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

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

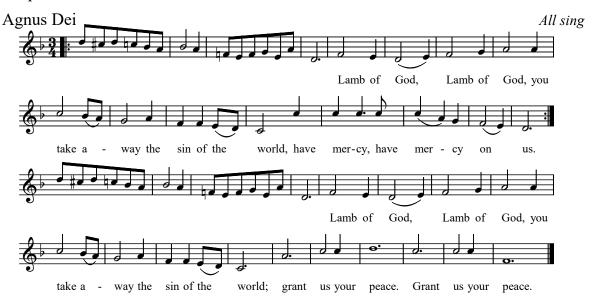
Priest: If you are joining us from home, join us in this act of Eucharist by offering with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

*The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.* 

Online: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, and for all the pain that you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.



### The Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Please come forward to the Altar rail and stand or kneel as you prefer.

Indicate to the priest if you would like to have him intinct the wafer for you.

Communion Hymn: AAHH #380 – "TRUST AND OBEY"

All sing

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will
He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But his smile quickly drive it away; not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey.

Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil He doth richly repay; no a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delight of His love until all on the altar we lay, for the favour He shows and the joy He be stows are for those who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go never fear, only trust and obey. Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey

Sung by choir joined by the children of Sunday School

### Choir Anthem - "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD" by Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil,

For you are with me, You will comfort me, For you are with me, You will comfort me, Comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy, Shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Forever. Forever.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Priest: 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.

Priest: Glory to God

Please rise in body or

spirit

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

### **Announcements**

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Closing Hymn: (AAHH #150) – "He's GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HAND"

He's got the whole world in His hand. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got the sun and the moon in His hand, He's got the sun and the moon in His hand, He's got the sun and the moon in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got the wind and the rain in His hand, He's got the wind and the rain in His hand. He's got the wind and the rain in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got you and me, brother, in His hand, He's got you and me, sister, in His hand. He's got ev'rybody here in His hand, He's got the whole world in His Hand.

# Dismissal

Priest: Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleuia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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