

Morning Worship Sunday 30th April 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 2: 42 - end

Gospel: John 10: 1 - 10

Proclamation: Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
He has given us new life and hope
He has raised Jesus from the dead
Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, alleluia

Prayer: Faithful one, whose word is life:
Come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer,
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song: (*click link*) Great are You Lord <https://youtu.be/vQLMnPYoR9k>

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

(1 Corinthians 5)

Confession: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you,
Through our own fault,
In thought, and word, and deed,
And in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry
And repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution: May almighty God, have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins,

And bring us to everlasting life,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading1: Acts 2: 42- end.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 10: 1 – 10

'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full

This is the gospel of the lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Song: The Lord's my Shepherd <https://youtu.be/pN4tPkX0MG0>

Talk: <https://youtu.be/G6xQ1Sxcsl8>

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Creed

Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He was buried;
He was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards He appeared to His followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

(Please add in names and circumstances known to you in the appropriate place)

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry.....
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability.....
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress.....
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for.....
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Collect: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Lord's Prayer: 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
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

Song O Jesus I have Promised <https://youtu.be/aNz-33V1V8A>

Blessing: May the Father
from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen us with His Spirit in our inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith,
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with us, and those we love, today and always. Amen.

He is risen! He is risen indeed, hallelujah.

As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.