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"We are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation."

Sunday, April 25, 2021, Fourth Sunday of Easter: 10:30am
Liturgy of the Word (Online)

Presider / Homilist: Francis Richardson, Lay Reader: John Howard,
Reader: Gail Latour, Music & Vocals: Victoria Alcock



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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.*

Almighty God, **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.**

Opening Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God (vs 1—4) #649

Breathe on me, breath of God;
filling me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:5-12

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John,^{*} and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had

made the prisoners^{*} stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are

questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

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.

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

A Reading from 1 John 3:16-24

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

¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

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.

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd (vs 1-3) #519

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.

2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness,
Even for his own name's sake.

3. 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.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

John 10:11-18

"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."

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Homily:

Francis Richardson

The Apostles' Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

***All: I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord. He was
conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin
Mary. He 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, and is
seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again 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 the People

John Howard

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

***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.***

Glory to God,
***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.***

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Jesus is Risen from the Grave ... (v. 1,2, 5&7) #232

Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
Al-le-lu-ia.

5. Jesus will meet his people,
Jesus will meet his people,
Jesus will meet his people,
Al-le-lu-ia.

2. Jesus was seen by Mary,
Jesus was seen by Mary,
Jesus was seen by Mary,
Al-le-lu-ia.

7. Jesus will live forever,
Jesus will live forever,
Jesus will live forever,
Al-le-lu-ia.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Parish of the Six Nations Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks, Brantford; St. Peter's Church, Ohsweken; St. Paul's Church, Kanyengeh; St. Luke's Church, Smooth Town.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Lois Ormsby, Reta Osman, Bonnie Ouellette ; and all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bob, Bill, Charlie, Erin, Howie, Jason, John, Mike, Paul, Patsy, Ruth, Sandra, Simon, Steve, Theresa, Tyler, Vicki, Wayne, Wayne P., Wilma and any others who are in need of our prayers.

Next Sunday: May 2nd, 2021, Fifth Sunday of Easter, 10:30am Online Liturgy of the Word (livestreamed only)

Presider & Homilist:	John Howard	
Lay Reader:	Francis Richardson	Reader: Shari Kartechner
Music & vocals:	Victoria Alcock	
Readings:	Acts 8:26-40	
	Psalm 22:25-31	
	1 John 4:7-21	
	John 15:1-8	