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May 8, 2022, Good Shepherd Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Easter, Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

Celebrant: The Ven. Judy Walton, Homilist: The Rev'd Gilles Haché,
Intercessions: The Rev'd Brendon Bedford, Reader: Barb Horne, Organist: Charles Strimas



The Good Shepherd, Christ Church window

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The Gathering of the Community

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The Sentence

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my own and my own know me.

John 10:14

OPENING HYMN: The Lord's My Shepherd

CP #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.

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.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Officiant: Almighty God,

**People: 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 (#702)

Officiant: 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.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.
Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:36-43

Reader: **A Reading from the Book of Acts**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without
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delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and

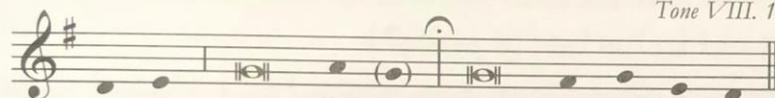
seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa,

and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

PSALM 23. *Dominus regit me*



- 1 THE LORD is my **shep**-herd; * I **shall** not be | in want. |
- 2 He makes me lie down in green **pas**-tures * and leads me **be-side** still wa-ters.
- 3 He revives my **soul** * and guides me along right pathways **for** his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no **e**-vil; * for you are with me; your rod and your **staff**, they com-| fort me. |
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who **trou**-| ble me; | * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is **run**-ning ov-er.
- 6 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 ev-er.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

Reader: **A Reading from the Revelation to John**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,

standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice,

saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These

are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus (vs 1 &2) CP #80

We hail thee now,
O Jesus thy presence here we own,
Though sight and touch have failed us,
And faith perceives alone,
Thy love has veiled thy glory
And hid thy power divine,
In mercy to our weakness,
Beneath an earthly sign.

We hail thee now, O Jesus:
in silence hast thou come,
for all the hosts of heaven
With wonderment are dumb--
So great the condescension,
So marvellous the love,
Which for our sakes, O Saviour,
Have drawn thee from above.

THE 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 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify

to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus (vs 3&4) CP #80

We hail thee now, O Jesus:
for law and type have ceased,
and thou in each communion art
sacrifice and priest.
We make this great memorial
in union, Lord, with thee,
and plead thy death and passion
to cleanse and set us free.

We hail thee now, O Jesus:
for death is ever near,
and in thy presence only
its terrors disappear.
Dwell with us, living Saviour,
and guide us through the night,
till shadows end in glory,
and faith is lost in sight.

Homily:

The Rev'd Gilles Haché

The Apostles' Creed

Priest: 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

The Rev'd Brendon Bedford

Confession and Absolution

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.

Most merciful God,
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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #4

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to give you sustainer of the universe, you are
thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all fragile earth, our island home; by
things came to be; the vast expanse your will they were created and
of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, have their being.
the planets in their courses, and this

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal memory, reason, and skill; you
elements you brought forth the made us the stewards of creation.
human race, and blessed us with

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against time, you sent your Son, born of a
you, and betray your trust; and we woman, to be our Saviour. He was
turn against one another. Again and wounded for our transgressions, and
again you call us to return. Through bruised for our iniquities. By his
the prophets and sages you reveal death he opened to us the way of
your righteous law. In the fullness of freedom and peace.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who
have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their
unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our the bread, gave it to his friends, and
God, for sending us Jesus, the said, "Take this, and eat it: this is
Christ, who on the night he was my body which is given for you. Do
handed over to suffering and death, this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a

new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every

language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

The Breaking of Bread (#8)

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

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Officiant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Officiant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless #85

Shepherds of souls, refresh and
bless
your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone,
but by your word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.

Prayer after Communion

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

Doxology

**All: Glory to God, whose
power, working in us, can do
infinitely more than we can ask
or imagine.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Your Hand, O God, Has Guided (1,2 &5) CP#444

Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness
and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness;
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us,
and spread your table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine;
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly
wine,
be our immortal food.

eternal kingdom, where there is one
flock and one shepherd.

We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God from generation to
generation, in the Church and in
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Your heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest as to least;
They bade them rise, and hasten
to share the royal feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your people shall be one;

and then, by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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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: Christ Church, Port Stanley, St. Hilda's-St. Luke's, St. Thomas; St. Thomas Church, St. Thomas.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Brian & Laurie Laporte, Gene & Gail Latour, Stanley & Janet Lawrence and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Chris, Erin, Fraser, Gord, Heather, Howie, Janet, Jason, Jenny, John, Katharine, Kyle, Leslie, Mike, Patricia, Paul, Ruth, Sandra, Sue, Tyler, Vicki, Wayne, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

Flowers In Memoriam Today

Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of Edith and Arthur Corley, May Corley, Isabel and Harvey Corley, a gift of the Richardson and Lawson families.

The next Sunday service is May 15th – The Fifth Sunday of Easter.
The readings are: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 148; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.

Announcements

1. As you may know, the Rev'd Brendon Bedford, our new Assistant Curate and the Rev'd Gilles Haché are being ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 4:00pm at St. George's Anglican**, 1049 4th Ave. E. in Owen Sound. All are welcome to attend the service – no reservation required.
2. Following the Ordination Service, a reception will take place at 6:30pm at the St. Vincent & Meaford Community Centre at 151 Collingwood Street in Meaford -- all are welcome. **If you wish to attend the reception, as there is limited seating**, please contact the church at office@christchurchanglican.ca or 519-538-1330. It is a free-will offering and funds will go to the Outreach programs, shared between St. George's Owen Sound and Christ Church Meaford.. Please refer to this week's eblast for details.
3. A long time parishioner, Bob Wilton passed away over the weekend. We hold Simy and family in our prayers as we give thanks to God for Bob's life and ministry. May he rest in peace.
4. We are collecting **clothing items for a clothing giveaway in support of our harvesters**. Please bring your clean items to the lounge when the church is open. Shoes, boots, socks, sweaters, pants etc. are needed. Clothing can be for men or women.
5. **The Community Meal program -- the next bi-weekly meal is Tuesday, May 10th** If you know someone who could use a meal, please let us know by contacting the office at 519-538-1330 or Rev'd Gilles at 519-505-6965. **Meals should be ordered by Friday noon prior to the Tuesday delivery day.**
6. Due to the nicer weather when we will be able to gather under the canopy (soon we hope), we are suspending the Google Meet Coffee Hour, after the worship service. We will resume this important interactive ministry in the fall.
7. **Pastoral Care** For urgent matters beginning today – PLEASE CONTACT The Rev'd Brendon Bedford at 226-750-4422 or brendonbedford@diohuron.org or The Rev'd Gilles Haché at 519-5305-6965 or gilleshache@diohuron.org.
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