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9.30am Sung Eucharist with Baptism
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21st 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: tune, ST DENIO

1. **Good Shepherd, you know us, you call us by name,
you lead us; we gladly acknowledge your claim.
Your voice has compelled us; we come at your call,
and none you have chosen will finally fall.**
2. **Good Shepherd, you warn us of robbers and thieves;
the hireling, the wolf, who destroys and deceives;
all praise for your promise on which we can stand,
that no-one can snatch us from out of your hand.**
3. **Good Shepherd, you lay down your life for the sheep;
your love is not fickle, your gift is not cheap.
You spend your life freely, you take it again;
you died, so we live - we are healed by your pain.**
4. **At one with the Father, you made yourself known:
'I am the Good Shepherd', at one with your own.
You loved us before we had heeded or heard;
by grace we respond to your life-giving word.**

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Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

He is Risen Indeed! ALLELUIA!

Let us pray.

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,
look upon us now in power and mercy.
May your strength overcome our weakness,
your radiance transform our blindness,**

**and your Spirit draw us to that love
shown and offered to us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Sentence

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

John 10.14

The Confession & Absolution

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead
and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself.
In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ.
Here we find rebirth in the Spirit,
and set our minds on his heavenly gifts.
As children of God, we are continually created anew,
as we walk the path of faith,
and feed on the forgiveness of his healing grace.

Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith

cf Romans 6.4

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Have mercy on us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
and live a new life to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise is said or sung.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s 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.**

The Priest sings or says the Collect

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold:
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the First Letter of John [3. 16-24]

We know love by this, that the Son of God 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 God.

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.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: AHB 81 tune, ST COLUMBA

- 1. The king of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**
- 2. Where streams of living water flow
a ransomed soul, he leads me;
and where the fertile pastures grow,
with food from heaven feeds me.**
- 3. Perverse and foolish I have strayed,
but in his love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**
- 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with you, dear Lord, beside me;
your rod and staff my comfort still,
your cross before to guide me.**
- 5. You spread a banquet in my sight
of grace beyond all knowing;
and, oh, the wonder and delight
from your pure chalice flowing!**
- 6. And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house for ever!.**

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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [10. 11-18]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

'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.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon

Holy Baptism

THE PRESENTATION

*The priest invites the sponsors to stand in view of the congregation.
The minister may say these or similar words.*

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring this child for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their child in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time this child should make her own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

The priest says to the sponsors

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing this child for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of this child?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage this child in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

THE DECISION

The priest says

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

The priest says this prayer over the candidate

Almighty God

deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light of Christ
to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

The priest says to the sponsors and the congregation

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there 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.**

The priest says to the sponsors

Do you affirm this faith as yours?

I do.

Will you each, by God's grace,
strive to live as a disciple of Christ,
loving God with your whole heart,
and your neighbour as yourself,
until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.
Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will.

THE BAPTISM

At the place where the water for baptism is, the priest begins the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. Through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

And now we give you thanks that you have called name/these your servants to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The candidate is brought to the water.

The minister baptises by dipping the candidate in the water, or pouring water over her, saying

Sasha Joy, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

AFTER BAPTISM

the priest makes a cross on the forehead, saying

Sasha, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

and the congregation responds, saying

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

The minister says

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

and the congregation joins the minister in saying

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The minister continues

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the minister in saying

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray

Father, we thank you that by baptism
you have raised this your child with Christ to new life in the Spirit.
Guide and protect her with your grace,
that she may follow you all her days
and grow in knowledge and love of you.

Father, by the victory of your Son,
give light to the world.

May Christ who conquered sin and death
keep his whole Church faithful to his gospel.
Help us always to hold fast to truth
and to walk in the way of life.

Father, by the victory of your Son,
give light to the world.

May the Holy Spirit fill the hearts and minds of all nations
to unite the world in peace and love.
By your healing power restore all that is broken
and unite us with you, our God and Father.

Father, by the victory of your Son,
give light to the world.

Father hear our prayers which we offer through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
**who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Please Stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, Peace be with you!

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you. Alleluia!
**And also with you.
Alleluia!**

All may exchange a Greeting of Peace.

Offertory Hymn: TiS 382 (tune: Noel Nouvelet)

1. **Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain:
love lives again,
that with the dead has been:**
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*
2. **In the grave they laid him,
Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that he never
would awake again,
laid in the earth,
like grain that sleeps unseen.**
Love has come again, ...
3. **Up he sprang at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he who for the three days
in the grave had lain,
raised from the dead
my living Lord is seen:**
Love has come again, ...
4. **When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us
back to life again —
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:**
Love has come again, ...

John Macleod Campbell Crum 1872–1958 alt.

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Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your 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 our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

He is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world.

And now we give you thanks

because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
you raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of your glory.

By his death, he has destroyed death and by his rising to life again
has restored us to eternal life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing/saying:

**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.**

And now, Father, we pray that we who receive these your gifts of
bread and wine according to our Saviour's word
may be partakers of his body and blood. ✕

For on the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, his almighty Father,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying

"Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me." ✕

After supper, he took the cup and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ✕

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

We offer our prayer and praise, Father,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

**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.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread, then says

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The invitation to Communion is given:

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.**

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.**

*An invitation is extended to all Christian people
to make their Communion here today.
To receive a blessing and not communion,
simply keep your hands behind your back
as the signal that this is what you seek.*

After Communion Hymn tune, Pastor Pastorum

1. Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me where your steps are seen:
2. Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way;
so, with you beside me, I need never stray:
3. Daily bring me nearer to the heavenly shore;
make my faith grow clearer, help me love you more:
4. Consecrate each pleasure, every joy and pain;
you are all my treasure, all I hope to gain:
5. Day by day prepare me as you purpose best,
then to heaven bear me to my promised rest.

Jubilate Hymns version of 'Faithful shepherd, feed me',
Thomas B Pollock (1836 - 1896)
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THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray

Author of life divine,
in the resurrection of your Son, you set before us
the mystery of his triumph over sin and death;
may all who are washed in the waters of rebirth
rise to newness of life
and find the promised presence of your abundant grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most loving God,

you send us into the world you love.

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Notices may be given at this point

Concluding Hymn: [tune: All for Jesus (John Stainer) or Love Divine]

After Psalm 23

1. **What a shepherd, what a Saviour
I have found you, Lord, to be -
what a price you paid as ransom
on the cross, to set me free!**
2. **I will never lack refreshment:
For you tend me, like a sheep
and revive me in green pastures,
where the water's cool and deep.**
3. **Shall I lack a hand to guide me?
I'm restored and led by you
into paths of faithful justice,
proving that your name is true.**
4. **Source of ever-present comfort!
You can pierce my darkest hour
to dispel my bleak forebodings
and protect me by your power.**
5. **I shall never lack provision,
though my troubles may increase,
for the feast you spread before me
overflows with joy and peace.**
6. **Jesus, as your love and goodness
Spur me on through fleeting days
till I dwell with you for ever,
may you never lack my praise!**

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The Blessing and Dismissal

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit
to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!



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¶ Pastoral Introduction

This may be read by those present before the service begins.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love.

For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there may be a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for the candidates, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

John 10.10