

Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 21, 2024
10:30 am

*All are warmly welcomed to our worship.
We ask visitors to introduce themselves and to join us
for social hour after the service.
We welcome children and invite them to enjoy the
activity table during worship.*

“God is looking for you. He will go anywhere to find you.
He loves you, he wants you home, he cannot rest unless he has you
with him.”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*

Call to Worship

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider We gather as people on a journey.
All **We believe & we have doubts,
we do good & we sin.
We are imperfect humans,
and still beloved by God.**

Presider Love and grace. Hope and faith.
These are the essence of the one we call God.
All **We seek forgiveness & grace from the Holy One
and from those we've harmed.**

Presider Assured of that grace,
we are ready to grow again.
All **We yearn for a new way,
a new perspective,
and a clear path.**

Presider Though we are full of trust
and full of doubt, we are here.
Speak to us, God!
Continue creating us!
All **Inspire our hearts.
Enlighten our minds.
Guide our actions. Amen.¹**

Gathering Hymn - *Christ Be My Leader*

1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the dark - ness, for
 2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for
 3. Christ be my Sav - iour in calm as in strife; Death can - not hold me, for

He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture His
 He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though shift - ing as
 He is the Life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its

care. Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 stain can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
 and the love of God,
 and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All And also with you.

Presider 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.

Glory to God

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

Collect of the Day

Presider Lord of the sheepfold,
whose love is not for hire,
who calls to himself
the victims of the world:
we thank you that Christ
laid down his life for us
when we could not help ourselves;
in the weakness of his love
give us strength to work for peace
in the world he came to serve,
through Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. **Amen.**²

*At this time, children & youth are invited to join the teachers at the back of the sanctuary for Sunday School.
They are also welcome to remain with their families in the sanctuary if that is their choice. The children will return prior to communion*

Ministry of the Word

First Reading - *Acts 4:5-12*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm - *Psalm 23*

1. The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

2. He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights **Chorus**

3. And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know **Chorus**

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Second Reading - *1 John 3:16-24*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation - *Alleluia*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Reader May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel - John 10:11-18

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily Rev. Michael Deck

The Apostles Creed (CP 44)

1 I be-lieve in God al-might-y, Fa-ther* of all things that be,
2 I be-lieve that Je-sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and cru-ci-fied;
3 I be-lieve in God's own Spir-it, bond-ing all the saints with-in

mak-er of the earth and hea-vens, keep-er of the sky and sea.
tak-en from the cross, was bur-ied— true life there had tru-ly died.
one church, cath-o-lic, and ho-ly, where for-give-ness frees from sin;

I be-lieve in God's Son, Je-sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
I be-lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
in the bod-y's res-ur-rec-tion, for the break-ing of death's chain

of the Spir-it and of Ma-ry born to bring a-bun-dant life.
then as-cend-ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
gives the life that's ev-er-last-ing; this the faith that I have claimed.

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

Out of gratitude for all we've been given, we give ourselves back to God.

Bread, wine and money all symbolize the fruit of our labor.

Please feel free to use one of the laminated blue cards to represent how you give to the Glory of God through Pre-Authorized Donations.

Offertory Hymn - *Are You a Shepherd?* (MV 126)

1. Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger, while calming our fears?
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

Refrain:

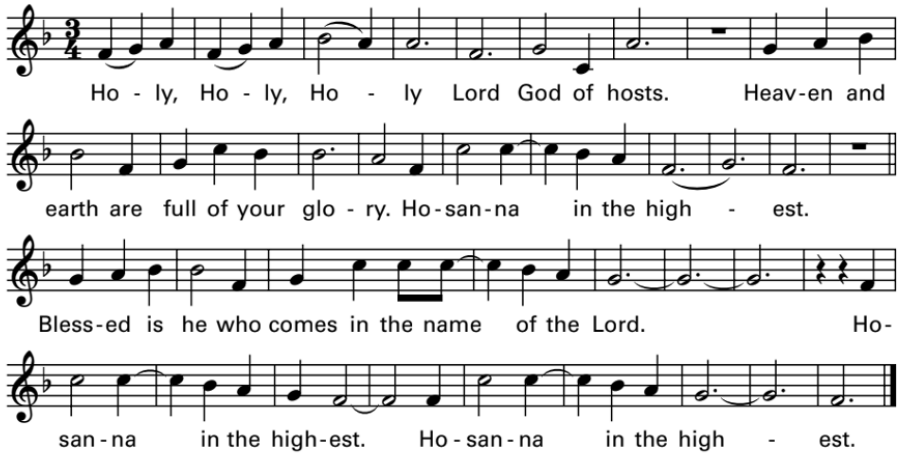
Yes, you are a shepherd, parent and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.
Holy and living, loving and giving,
God, you are with us wherever we go.

2. Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,
challenging students to offer their best? ***Refrain***
3. Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,
lead all your children in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.
We want to love you and bring you delight. ***Refrain***

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And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity
lifting our voices to you as we sing:

Sanctus - *Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Presider Glory and honour and praise to you,
holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favour upon Mary, your
willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.
On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take, eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and gave it to them, saying:

*Take, drink; this cup is the new covenant in my blood,
given for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints from every tribe and language
and people and nation, to feast at the banquet of the world.
All this we ask through Jesus Christ.
By him and with him and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now as our saviour has taught us, we are bold to say:

**All 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 for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept.
The silence is broken with these words.*

Presider Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Presider We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Presider Live in us, that we may live in you.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Communion

Please know that at St. Laurence you are invited to the table. This sacrament is God's gift to all people. If you wish, you may partake in only the bread without the wine. Non-fermented grape juice is offered in the ceramic chalice. Please tell your server if you prefer a gluten free wafer. If you do not wish to partake at all, you may come forward and receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest.

Prayers for Healing — *If you have special concerns and would like to pray with the Pastoral Care members during communion, please join them in the area to the right of the font.*

Communion Hymn - *Bread For the World* (S&S 157)

Refrain

Bread for the world: a world of hunger.
Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.
May we who eat be bread for others.
May we who drink pour out our love.

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life,
broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.
Where we divide your people, you are waiting there
on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care. ***Refrain***

2. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace,
poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.
Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there
to be the way which beckons us beyond despair. ***Refrain***

3. Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast,
at which the rich and pow'rful have become the least.
Where we survive on others in our human greed,
you walk among us begging for your ev'ry need. ***Refrain***

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Communion Hymn - *The Lord is My Shepherd* (G 274)



1. The Lord is my shep-herd, my shield and my
 2. If I walk in the val-ley of dark-ness, the
 3. Sure-ly good-ness and kind-ness will al-ways pur-
 4. The Lord is my shep-herd, green pas-tures, cool



strong-hold, de-fend-ing me sound-ly, re-deem-ing my shame.
 shad-ow of death, then no fear will I have, you are there
 sue me. My ta-ble is full now; my cup o-ver-flows.
 wa-ter; He ten-ders me al-ways, love ev-er the same.



He will an-swer my call 'til the fall of the
 with your staff and your rod, O my God, give me
 While my head is a-noint-ed the time is ap-
 He will an-swer my call 'til the fall of the



moun-tains, the fall of the cit-ies; he's true to his name.
 com-fort, O God give me com-fort, as al-ways you have.
 point-ed; for-ev-er I live in the house of the Lord.
 moun-tains, the fall of the cit-ies; he's true to his name.

Refrain



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, the Lord is my



shep-herd and ev-er the same. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-



lu-ia, the Lord is my shep-herd; he's true to his name.

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Moment of Silence

We take a moment to be still and know God. Our world is full of many noises, even as we sit together in silence. Let the noises be, and listen for the deep stillness that underlies all being. This moment will begin and end with the ringing of a bell.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Holy One,

**All We have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing of Easter

Presider May God who has redeemed us,

**All made us sons and daughters through the resurrection of
Jesus, bestow on us the deep riches of God's blessing.**

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism

**All has raised us from loss into newness of life,
make us holy and sacred and united to Christ for ever.**

Presider May God who has brought us out of bondage

**All into true and everlasting freedom, bring us
deeper into life.**

Presider And now may the blessing of the God of
Abraham and Sarah; and of Jesus born of our
sister Mary; and of the Holy Spirit who broods
over Creation like a Mother over her children;
be upon us and remain with us always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn - *Take Up His Song (MV 213)*

1. Take up His song of peace
and go into the world.
Take up his song of peace
in every moment.
In every moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in peace,
lay them down, and take up his song.

2. Take up His song of hope
and go into the world.
Take up his song of hope
in every moment.
In every moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in hope,
lay them down, and take up his song.

3. Take up His song of faith
and go into the world.
Take up his song of faith
in every moment.
In every moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in faith,
lay them down, and take up his song.

4. Take up His song of love
and go into the world.
Take up his song of love
in every moment.
In every moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in love,
lay them down, and take up his song.

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power
of the Spirit!
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The flowers at the altar are given by Pat Ratcliffe
in grateful memory of her grandparents
Frank & Margaret Lippai and
Stanley & Ellanora Tochor.*



Please be in prayer for the 27 women who are at Women's Retreat this weekend. Pray that they have been blessed and encouraged during their time away together.

Acknowledgements

1. written by Tim Graves and posted on LiturgyBits. <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>
2. Prayers for an inclusive church by Steven Shakespeare p. 58

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NEWS & NOTES

Wednesday Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

This small service is Morning Prayer, Bible Study and Eucharist all rolled into one. A great way to begin your day!



St. Catherine's Book Club

The book Club meets from **2:00-4:00 pm** on the **fourth Tuesday of the month** in the church lounge.

Next Meeting - April 23, 2024

New members are always welcome!.

Book Club selections for 2023-2024 are available on the website



Dances of Universal Peace

Alan Wallis and Sandy Hill will offer **Dances of Universal Peace** on **Friday, April 26, 2024**

7 to 9 pm in the sanctuary.

Using phrases from the Christian and Jewish traditions, we will sing and dance simple movements as a form of embodied prayer. All adults and teens are welcome. We hope to offer the Dances on the last Friday of every month. Please contact Sandy Hill for more information

ignYte Events

Apr. 20 - Climbing @ ClimbBase5

Apr. 24 - ignYte @ GSL

May 1 - "Mamma Mia"



Next Sunday: April 28

We will be having a guest speaker from VST next week, Geoff Clark-Tosca:

“Geoff is a 2nd year Master of Divinity Anglican student at the Vancouver School of Theology. He was born and raised in the southeastern U.S. before moving to Los Angeles for the past 20 years. Geoff has recently moved with his husband, Ed Tosca, to the Vancouver area to focus on his studies and complete his degree while working remotely. He is the Queer and Trans Student Representative on the VST Student Association Executive Board and continues to advocate for those who have no voice by being public, intentional, and explicit with his words and actions.”

The Bright Field

*I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
the treasure in it. I realize now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying*

*on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.*



Worship
is the
work
of the
people

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Take a form to find out how
you can help offer worship at St. Laurence,
and fill it out to let us know your interest!

**Reader - Intercessor - Server - Greeter - Sidesperson
Kids' Church - Nursery - Altar Guild – Choir and more**

*If you want to serve in a worship ministry please use the
information sheet attached to one of the posters.*