



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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# Welcome:

Steven Mackison

## Opening Hymn: #749 (Gather) "In Christ is a Table Set for All"

Screen share



1. Wel - come, all you no - ble saints of old, As  
2. El - ders, mar - tyr, all are fall - ing down;  
4. Who is this who spreads the vic - t'ry feast?  
5. Here he gives him - self to us as bread:  
6. Wor - ship in the pres - ence of the Lord. With  
7. When at last this earth shall pass a - way. When



now be - fore your ver - y eyes un - fold. The  
Pro - phets, pa - tri - archs are gath - 'ring 'round. What  
Who is this who makes our war - ring cease?  
Here, as wine, we drink the blood he shed.  
joy - ful songs and hearts in one ac - cord. And  
Je - sus and his bride are one to stay. The



won - ders all so long a - go fore - told:  
an - gels long to see now we have found.  
Je - sus, ris - en Sav - iour, Prince of Peace.  
Born to die, we eat and live in - stead!  
let our host at ta - ble be a - dored.  
feast of love is just be - gun that day.



In Christ there is a ta - ble set for all.

Text: Robert J. Stamps. Tune: Robert J. Stamps © 1972, Dawn Treader Music.

# ✠ The Easter Greeting

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

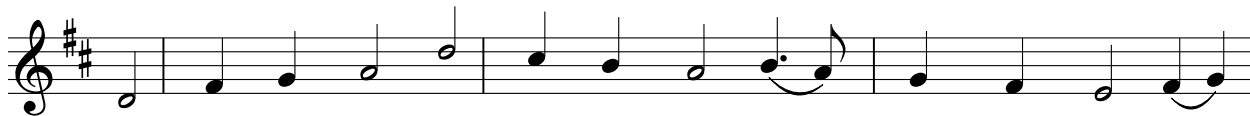
*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Priest:* He has laid down his life.

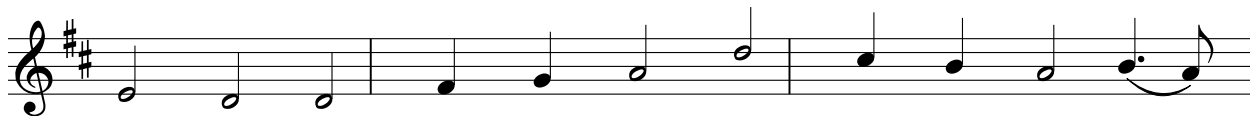
*People:* **That we may have life more abundantly.**

Canticle: #419 (Common Praise) "Let All Creation Bless the Lord"

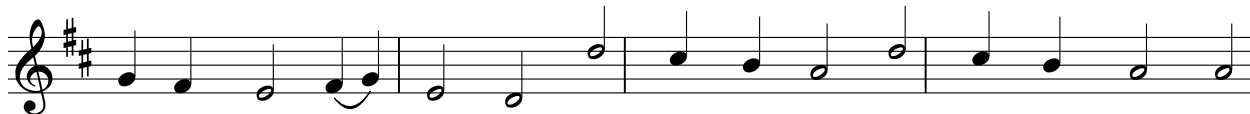
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1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heaven with praise is  
2. All liv - ing things up - on this earth, green fer - tile hills and  
3. O men and wom - en ev - ery - where, lift up a hymn of



ring - ing. Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir  
moun - tains, sing to the God who gave you birth; be  
glo - ry; all you who know God's stead - fast care, tell



up the an - gels' sing - ing. Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make  
joy - ful, springs and foun - tains. Lithe wa - ter - life, bright air - borne birds, wild  
out sal - va - tion's sto - ry. No tongue be si - lent; sing your part you



mu - sic, day, night, cold, and heat: ex - alt the God who made you.  
rov - ing beasts, tame flocks and herds: ex - alt the God who made you.  
hum - ble souls and meek of heart; ex - alt the God who made you.

Text: Song of Creation  
(Song of the Three 35-51);  
para. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-  
). Para. © 1989 Hope  
Publishing Co. Music:  
Melody Kirchengesänge,  
Berlin, 1566; arr. The  
English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

## The Collect of the Day:

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* Shepherd of all,  
by laying down your life for your flock  
you reveal your love for all.  
Lead us from the place of death  
to the place of abundant life,  
that guided by your care for us,  
we may rightly offer our lives  
in love for you and our neighbors.

*All:* **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Susan Scott*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let 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. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Acts 4.52-12

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*



1. The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want: he makes me down to
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no
4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low



lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 make with - in the paths of right - eous - ness, even for his own name's sake.  
 ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 foes; my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup ov - er - flows.  
 me, and in God's house for ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: Psalm 23; para. Scottish Psalter, 1650. Music: Melody Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-1887); harm. Thomas C. L. Pritchard (1885-1960). Harm. © Oxford University Press.

## Second Reading

*Jim Burnham*

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Letter of John.

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 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.

1 John 3.16-24

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*A moment of silence is observed*



Have you been around?  
Have you done your share of comin' down  
On different things that people do?  
Have you been aware?  
You got brothers and sisters who care  
About what's gonna happen to you  
In a year from now

Maybe I'll be there to shake your hand  
Maybe I'll be there to share the land  
That they'll be givin' away  
When we all live together, we're talkin' 'bout together, now

Did you pay your dues?  
Did you read the news  
This morning when the paper landed in your yard?  
Do you know their names?  
Can you play their games  
Without losin' track  
And coming down a bit too hard?

Maybe I'll be there to shake your hand  
Maybe I'll be there to share the land  
That they'll be givin' away  
When we all live together, we're talkin' 'bout together, now

## **The Gospel**

*Susan Haig*

*Reader:* The Lord 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.**

Jesus said, "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."

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 10.11-18

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

**Homily:** Susan Haig

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**Meditation:** "The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm (for my Mother)" (*Bobby McFerrin*)

*Screen share*

The Lord is my Shepard, I have all I need  
She makes me lie down in green meadows  
Beside the still waters, She will lead

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs  
She leads me in a path of good things  
And fills my heart with songs

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land  
There is nothing that can shake me  
She has said She won't forsake me  
I'm in her hand  
She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes  
She anoints my head with oil  
And my cup overflows

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me  
All the days of my life  
And I will live in her house  
Forever, forever and ever

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter  
And to the Holy of Holies  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World, without end. Amen.

Hymn: #400 (Common Praise) "Wondrous Love"

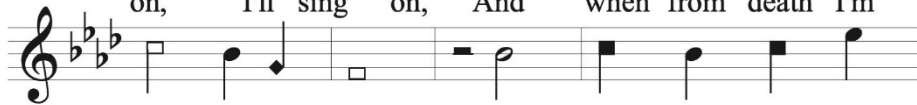
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1. What won - drous love is this! oh, my  
 2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will  
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing



soul! oh, my soul! What won - drous love is  
 down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing  
 sing, I will sing, To God and to the  
 on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm



this! oh, my soul! What won - drous love is  
 dow, sinking down, When I was sink - ing  
 Lamb I will sing; To God and to the  
 free, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm



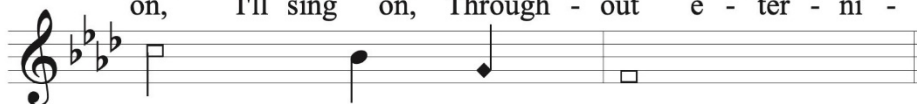
this That caused the Lord — of  
 down Be - neath God's right - eous  
 Lamb, Who is the great — I  
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my  
 frown Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 be Through - out e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread - ful  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his  
 sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the  
 on, I'll sing on, Through - out e - ter - ni -



curse for my soul.  
 crown for my soul.  
 theme, I will sing.  
 ty, I'll sing on.



# The Prayers of the People

Kate Werneberg

*Leader:* The bidding and response are:  
Let us love, **in truth and action.**

We pray for our province, Ontario, and for our city, Toronto,  
as we brook this wave of the pandemic.

We hold up to you especially those most affected:

those living in the North East and North West corners of the city,  
racialized communities, front line, essential, and health care workers.

All those who must go out to work, those living in cramped quarters and in  
multi-generational homes, those experiencing homelessness and poverty,  
and all the marginalized.

Protect them, God,

and inspire all Ontarians to advocate for their health and safety.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box*

Let us love

*All:* **In truth and action.**

*Leader:* We pray for the Church.

May the body of Christ imitate Jesus:  
sheltering, healing, and loving,  
never rejecting, judging, or excluding.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box*

Let us love

*All:* **In truth and action.**

*Leader:* We pray for our political leaders.

Give them courage, humility, and strength.  
Grant them listening ears, open hearts,  
and good discernment.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box*

Let us love

*All:* **In truth and action.**

*Leader:* We pray for the sick and suffering.  
Especially those who have contracted COVID-19.  
God, let your comfort be felt to all who are in pain.  
Let your love envelope all who are frightened.  
Let your presence be known by all who are alone.  
We name the sick on our hearts, aloud, or in the chat.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box*

Let us love

***All:* In truth and action.**

*Leader:* We pray for the dead.  
God, you were the stone whom the builders rejected,  
and now you are the cornerstone.  
Bring all the dead into your everlasting home,  
and comfort those who mourn.  
We name those we have lost in our hearts, aloud, or in the chat.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box*

Let us love

***All:* In truth and action.**

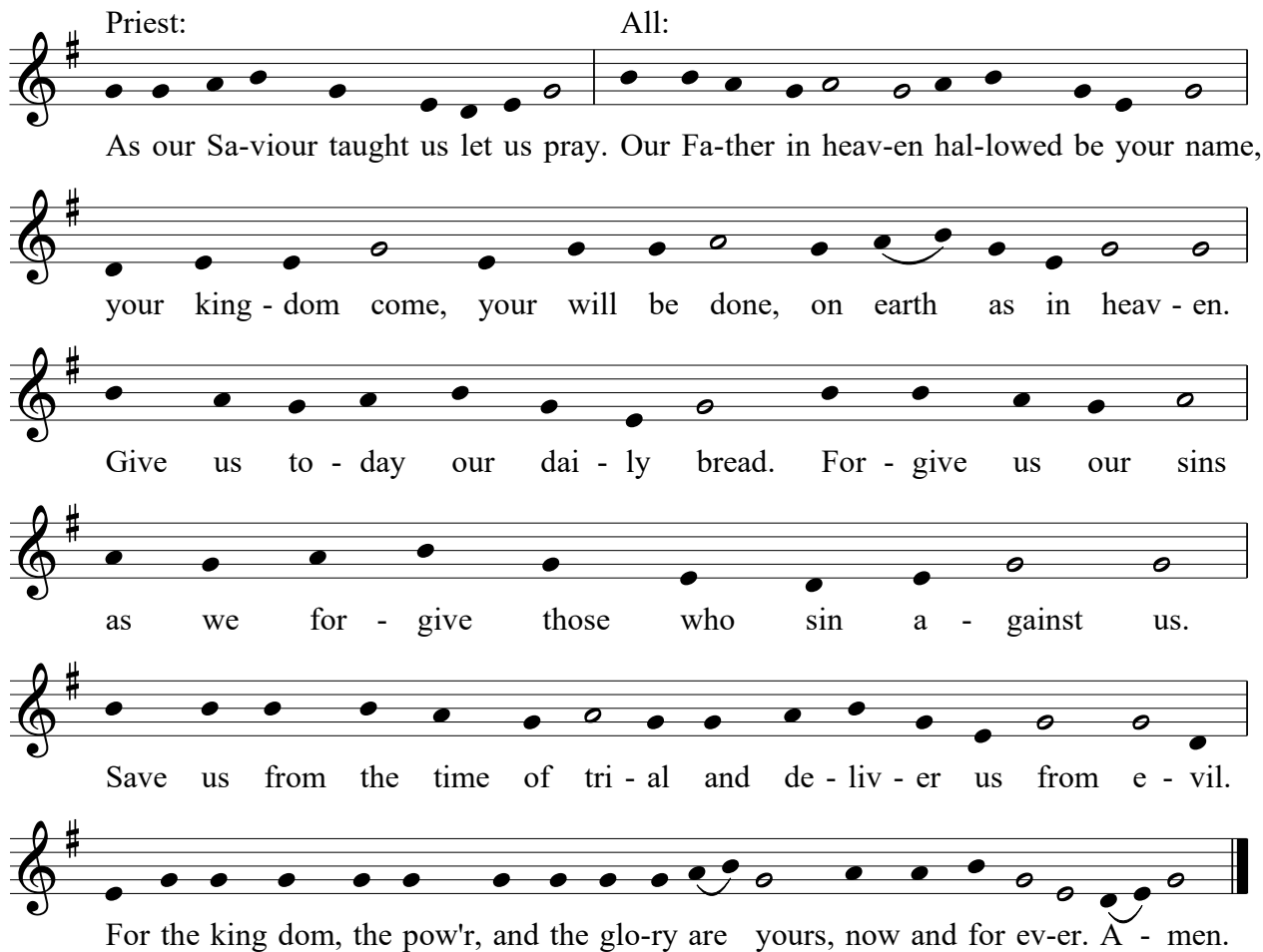
*Leader:* God, who knows everything,  
we ask all this in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus.

***All:* Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer:

Steven Mackison

Priest: All:



As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins  
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

MUSIC: McNeil Robinson © 1979, Theodore Presser Co.

# Hymn: #705 (Gather) "Jesu Tawa Pano"

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Je - su ta - wa pano; Je - su ta - wa pano; Je - su ta - wa pano;  
Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here;



ta - wa pano, mu zita re-nyu  
we are he - re f - or you.

Text: Zimbabwean; Patrick Matsikeniyiri Tune: Patrick Matsikeniyiri.  
1990, Patrick Matsikeniyiri

## The Blessing:

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* May the God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will.  
And may the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

*People:* Amen.

## The Dismissal:

Susan Haig

*Priest:* Go and follow in the way of the Good Shepherd. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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## Ministry Updates

### Staying Connected

After the service, beginning at 1 PM, there will be a Staying Connected meeting with our Incumbent, Steven Mackison. This will be a time to raise any questions or concerns, as well as share some hopes for the future. A link to the Zoom meeting was included in the Friday edition of eNews.

### Compline at 8 PM

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in each Friday's eNews.

## **Celebrating Julian of Norwich**

On May 8, 1373, in the bustling English city of Norwich, a woman called Julian had a near-death experience. She went on to relate her visions in the first book written in English by a woman. She insisted that everything she wrote was faithful to tradition, but her thought was original and profound: a vision of God in whom there is no room for wrath, but only boundless love and compassion for the suffering of humanity. Who is both Father and Mother of Creation. And who somehow, by a miracle beyond our ability to grasp, will eventually accomplish the salvation of every living being.

Learning@Redeemer invites you to observe the anniversary of Julian's vision on Saturday, May 8, at 4PM. Medievalist David Townsend will provide a short introduction to Julian's life and thought. A team of eight readers will bring excerpts from her book to life. After the reading we will have 20 minutes of conversation, reflecting together on we've heard, facilitated by pastoral theologian Elaine Ramshaw. Please register by clicking [here](#). You will then receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

## **Voices For Peace**

Voices for Peace explores the radical Christian praxis of peace and non-violence. Redeemer, along with Citizens for Public Justice, the Henri Nouwen Society, the Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice, and the Canadian Council of Churches, sponsors the conference.

This year, in lieu of a residential conference, so we are hosting three webinars with the theme Radical Hope: Radical Resistance. Our speakers will explore the connections of peacemaking to ecology, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and opposition to nuclear weapons development.

June 16, 7 PM: Terry Leblanc. "Retelling our Theological Narrative." (Reconciliation)

September 16, 7 PM: John Dear. Title TBA (Nuclear disarmament)

Tickets are \$15 + tax/event. Registration for the June event will be available in the future.

## **Vaccinations**

If you would like assistance, or know of anyone in our community who would benefit from assistance, registering for a vaccination or travelling to and from their appointment, the Pastoral Care Team is here to help. Please contact Susan at [shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca).

## **Pastoral Care Team Checking In**

The Pastoral Care Team and its volunteers have been calling and continue to call, members of the Redeemer Community to check in with them regarding how they are doing during this pandemic.

Due to the ongoing isolation and disconnectedness, if you know of anyone who would benefit from a call from our Pastoral Care Team, that has not been receiving a call, please contact Tony Crosbie at [tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca](mailto:tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca).

## **Intercessions**

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form [here](#).

## **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

## **Future Ministry Updates**

For all future announcement or ministry updates, please email [twilliams@theredeemer.ca](mailto:twilliams@theredeemer.ca) by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.

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