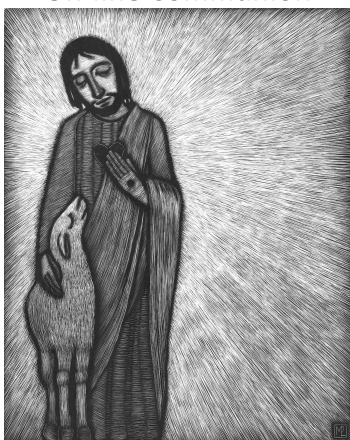


Easter Week 4, May 3, 2020

Good Shepherd Sunday On-line Communion



prepare your worship space with some
bread and some juice

Call to worship

We gather here, listening for the voice
of the giver and guardian of our lives.

**God comes to us as a good shepherd,
calling us by name.**

We gather here, longing to follow in
the just paths of life.

**God comes to us as a good shepherd,
leading us in right ways.**

We gather here to follow and praise
God,

**Whose good and steadfast love
abounds all of our lives.**

Acknowledgement to Country

We gather on the lands and by the waters
of the First peoples of this place: the Boon
Wurrung people, and we pay our respects
to their elders past and present as an act of
healing and reconciliation in this Nation
and in the land.

Welcome To You All

Opening prayer

God, who calls us and leads us,
we long to hear your voice through our
closed doors
through the worry of our world community.
We long to rest in your care for all of our
needs.

So, we hold out our hands as a sign of our
desire to hear you,
and trust you and follow you.
Open to you and to one another. Amen.

Being **open** means we are **vulnerable**

Vulnerable to the ways we hurt other
people:

trespassing where we are not welcome

Vulnerable to the ways our lives hurt and
damage our planet

Vulnerable to even the damage ourselves
we do to ourselves

So that we may be open to hearing the
Gospel afresh and to God's healing

Let us confess to our brokenness, to the
one known as the Good Shepherd
<we breathe in – we breathe out>

Prayer of confession

Let us say to God

The things that need saying.

The Good Shepherd

Calls to one and all, even you and even me;
Offering forgiveness and love

Restoration and celebration

The Good Shepherd will leave the 99 to
find the one of us lost

And restore us to life in community...

Hear these words of Jesus:

- “I am the gate for the sheep”
- “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”

Sin is forgiven
Thanks be to God

TiS 821 All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen, Seasons Songbook, CD 9,

Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end
divisions:

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all
are welcome in this place.***

Let us build a house where prophets
speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek
to dream God’s reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all
are welcome in this place.***

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:

a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that
frees us: *Refrain*

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all
are welcome in this place.***

Let us build a house where hands will
reach

beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and
teach,

and live the Word they’ve known.

Here the outcast and the stranger

bear the image of God’s face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all
are welcome in this place.***

Let us build a house where all are
named,

their songs and visions heard

and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed

as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,

prayers of faith and songs of grace,

let this house proclaim from floor to
rafter: *Refrain*

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all
are welcome in this place.***

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Theme

Today in our Easter celebrations we
turn in our readings to the nature of this
resurrected Jesus:

We remember his teaching on the
spiritual life & relationship with The Holy
In the Gospel today Jesus describes
himself as a Good Shepherd.

He describes himself as The Gate.

*A New Zealand Book of Prayer– He
Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa’’ puts it this
way*

Psalm 23

Dear God, you sustain me and feed me:
like a shepherd you guide me.

You lead me to an oasis of green,
to lie down by restful waters.

You refresh my soul for the journey,
and guide me along trusted roads.

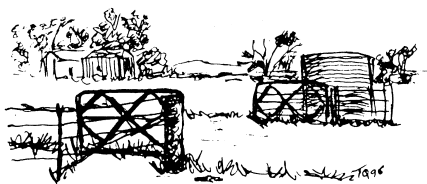
The God of justice is your name.
 Though I must enter the darkness of death,
 I will fear no evil.
 For you are with me,
 your rod and staff comfort me.
 You prepare a table before my very eyes,
 in the presence of those who trouble me.
 You anoint my head with oil,
 and you fill my cup to the brim.
 Your loving kindness and mercy will meet me
 every day of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of my God
 for ever.

A New Zealand Book of Prayer– He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa” “used with permission”
<https://anglicanprayerbook.nz/> Michael Hughes
 (Rev’d Canon), General Secretary Anglican Church

The Gospel Reading

- John 10: 1-10

For these words of faith,
 And Jesus the Word
Thanks be to God



Reflection

Preparing for Communion

Hear the life and practice of the early church: as captured in the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2: 42-47



The Communion

(brief form, UCA Assembly adapted for Acts 2:)

INVITATION

Friends,
 Just as the early church gathered in their homes and broke bread
 So shall we!

- Even though we are connected via the internet, face-book or website

This is the table, your coffee table, kitchen table, even your kitchen table becomes the table of the Lord
 Jesus calls us to this sacred Fest.

Come, not because you are strong
 But because we know our weakness;
 Come, not because of any goodness of your own,

Come, because we are aware that we need mercy and help;

Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more;

Come, most of all because he loves you, calls to you as a Good Shepherd,
 And gave his life for you.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Merciful God,
We are at home, together, apart
And we will celebrate this sacrament
because
In your Son, Jesus Christ
You have drawn near to us;
It is in his name that we draw near to you.
In obedience to Christ's command
We present this bread and this cup.
All that we have comes from you,
And what we give you is your own. **Amen.**

Do you remember the story of Easter? The
lowly king riding a donkey into Jerusalem?
Do you remember the tension in the air,
the celebration amidst the political power?
That would ultimately take Jesus' life?

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the evening before Jesus died,
On the evening of betrayal,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and
said:
'This is my body which is for you.
Do this in memory of me.'
In the same way, also the cup, after supper
saying:
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
In memory of me.'

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God,
**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**
Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful,
And the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world,
For your promises to your people Israel,
And for the life we know in Jesus Christ
your Son.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.
Leading his followers, he guides us.
Dying on the cross, he rescues us.
Risen from the dead, he gives new life.
And so we praise you
With the faithful of every time and place,
Joining with the choirs of angels and the
whole creation
In the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God so
vulnerable,
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the
name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

With thanksgiving we take this bread and
this cup
And proclaim his death and resurrection.
Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit
That this meal may be made Holy
And your people may become one.
Unite us in faith, inspire us to love,
Encourage us with hope,
That we may receive Christ
As he comes to us in this holy banquet.

We praise you, almighty Father,
Through Christ your Son,
In the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.****

Song: Let us break Bread

Let us break bread together
with the Lord!
Let us break bread together
with the Lord!
*As we travel through this land,
all God's children hand in hand,
Lord, fill all our living with your life.*

Let us drink wine together
with the Lord!
Let us drink wine together
with the Lord!
*As we travel through this land,
all God's children hand in hand,
Lord, fill all our living with your life.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ is the bread of life,
Food for healing and wholeness.

Christ is the cup of hope,

Wellspring of resurrection life.

These are gifts of God for the people of
God.

THE DISTRIBUTION: please let us eat,
drink, remember and be thankful

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of Glory,
We have gathered in our homes
Just like the early church.
And You have nourished us with the bread
of life
And the cup of salvation.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
That through us the light of your glory
May shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Let's continue singing

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us sing songs together
with the Lord!
Let us sing songs together
with the Lord!
*As we travel through this land,
all God's children hand in hand,
Lord, fill all our living with your life.*

Let us all work together
for the Lord!
Let us all work together
for the Lord!
*As we travel through this land,
all Gods children hand in hand,
Lord, fill all our living with your life.*

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- You can send you prayer requests to me via e-mail or phone the manse!

Offering

- If you would like to make your offering, contact

Blessing

As we leave this table,
we know that you go with all of us gathered
today

Loving God who leads us in every
wilderness

Good Shepherd who calls our name

Loving Spirit who breathes life into us

We have listened for your voice

We have taken of your Easter feast,
abundantly.

May we who live in our homes in these
days

Live abundantly, and find abundance in the
every day.

And so bring life and love to this day, and
Bring life and light to all we know and love

In Christ we pray Amen.

