



Good Shepherd Sunday

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Progressive in Approach: Christ-like in Action!

Online Worship: May 3, 2020

I AM, You ARE, We ARE the Good Shepherd

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Welcome:

LOVE is Risen!

LOVE is Risen in Us! Alleluia!

PRELUDE:

Andante in F Major

Mendelssohn

Greeting:

The grace of our risen CHRIST,

the LOVE which IS DIVINITY

and the power of the SPIRIT is with us all.

Music:

Embrace this Life

Text: Peggy McDonagh; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams – SINE NOMINE

1. Em - brace this life and all its won - drous days, let go of
 2. When truth be - comes the gos - pel that we spread, it lifts the
 3. The strength of truth cre - ates a warm - ing light of peace and
 4. Give thanks for truth that o - pens ways to care, to ease the

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fear that in our heart be - trays the joy of life, the beau - ty and the —
 shad - ows of our deep - est dread; with hon - est words our hearts are rich ly —
 free - dom, born when things are right; an hon - est heart ex - pands our in - ward -
 strug - gles and the pain we bear; the way of truth im - proves the lives we —

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praise. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
 fed. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
 sight. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
 share. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Prayer of the Day: **Living in the midst of the MYSTERY we call God, let us rejoice knowing that we are intimately connected to one another by this MYSTERY, which lives and breathes, in, with, through and beyond us to be LOVE in the world.**

Let our attention to the MYSTERY, empower us to give expression to this LOVE which IS God, so that in us goodness and mercy may endlessly flow, so that all may know the wonders of abundant life. We pray in the name of our CREATOR, CHRIST, and SPIRIT, ONE. Amen.

Song of Praise

Alleluia HOLY ONE

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



Verse



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Reading Psalm 23 - King James Version (Reader: Jane Winstanley)

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SHELTER ME

A Prayer-Song in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Michael Joncas

O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:

The way a - head is dark and dif - fi - cult to see.

O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:

All will be well if on - ly you will shel-ter me.

1. Shepherd and sheep, my God and I:
to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by.
You gave me rest by quiet springs
and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

2. Yet now I tread a diff'rent way;
Death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day.
I cannot find your peaceful place.
But dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face.

3. I will look back in days to come
and realize your faithfulness has led me home.
Within your house I'll find my peace,
trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me.

Reading:

John 10:1-10 (Reader: Barbara Batke)

Jesus said: “The truth of the matter is, whoever doesn’t enter the sheepfold through the gate but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep, the one for whom the keeper opens the gate. The sheep know the shepherd’s voice; the shepherd calls them by name and leads them out. Having led them all out of the fold, the shepherd walks in front of them and they follow because they recognize the shepherd’s voice. They simply won’t follow strangers – they’ll flee from them because they don’t recognize the voice of strangers.”

Even though Jesus used this metaphor with them, they didn’t grasp what he was trying to tell them. He therefore said to them again: “The truth of the matter is, I AM the sheep gate. All who came before me were thieves and marauders whom the sheep didn’t heed. I AM the gate. Whoever enters through me will be safe – you’ll go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.

I came that you might have life and live it abundantly.”

Acclamation:

Holy Mystery, Holy Wisdom

TUNE: BEECH SPRING – WORDS: Gayle Simonson

**HOLY MYSTERY, HOLY WISDOM
WHOLLY LOVE who guides our way,
LOVING PRESENCE, SOURCE OF BEING,
Now transform us day by day.
Words of Scripture tell our stories,
Voices rise in gifts of song,
Calling us to loving action,
Faith-filled as we journey on.**

**We are partners in creation,
Bound by LOVE to all around,
Seeking justice and compassion,
Sharing truths that we have found.
SPIRIT - Source of Inspiration,
LOVE - our song along the way,
HOLY MYSTERY, HOLY WISDOM –
Source of hope with each new day.**

Gospel:

Psalm 23 -- Six Verses of Refuge (Equanimity)

Translated by Rabbi Jamie Arnold

A song for LOVE's sake: n Mizmor l'David

When our LOVE's the guide by-my-side,
I want for nothing. Adonai ro'i
lo ech'sar.

Chase me through lush meadows,
set me adrift, stretched out
on meandering waters
ease with the current,
time stilling to all but the shore, b Bin'ot desheh
yarbitzeini
al-mei at
menuchot
yinahaleini.

Nephesh-soul will recover like the land
Noah reseeded with vines, revive like Hannah
spinning grace with tears upon the wheels
that grind and bend the arc of justice
revealing Your name's sake. g Nafshi yeshoveiv
Yancheini
v'maaglei-
tzedek
lema'an shemo.

Even when I descend
into valleys crowded with figures
of death and disgrace,
I will not succumb to fear, now knowing where
I am. I am with You, I AM.
Ancestral staff of family tree in hand,
courage and comfort blossom under the sun, casting shadows
revealing time in melodies
measure for measure, these and these
harmonies lay my frets to rest. d Gam ki eilech
b'gei
tzalmavet
lo 'ira ra'
ki atah imadi.
shiv'tevha

umishantecha
heimah
yenachamuni.

Patience and perseverance, playing with polarity ,
stand and say, "Send me. Send me before you;
tabling shame and sorrow for tomorrow
that you may feast today, head anointed with oil,
LOVE's cup pouring-over the rim with plenty." n Taaroch lephanai
shulchan
neged tzorerai
dishanta v'shemen
roshi, cosi revayah.

Gratefulness and lovingkindness run me
down and up, coursing through my veins
to live in all my limbs, words and ways,
coming home at last to sit and sabbath
Your ever-presence, here, now embodying, housing
LOVING CONSCIOUSNESS in time-space-and-soul. x Ach TOV vaHESED
yirdefuni
col yemei chavyai
v'shavti in
beveit Adonai
le'orech yamim.

Reflection

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Song of the Day:

I Sing the Grace of God Within You

Text & Music: Colin Gibson (permission granted)

(♩ = 88)

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 88. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with three parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 I sing the grace of God with - in you,
2 I sing the love of Christ with - in you,
3 I sing the Spir - it's life with - in you,

I know that grace with - in my soul;
I know that love with - in my soul;
I know that life with - in my soul;

and when we hon - or God in each oth - er
and when we hon - or Christ in each oth - er
and when we hon - or life in each oth - er,

we bring to - geth - er one gra - cious whole.
we come to - geth - er, one lov - ing whole.
the Spir - it forms one liv - ing whole.

Prayers of the Body

Prayer

O God of Sky and God of Earth

An interpretation by William L. Wallace of the prayer Jesus taught:

Music: 23rd PSALM by Bobby McFerrin



1. O God of sky and God of Earth, We hon - our your pres - ence with -

2. Give us, O God, for - giv - ing hearts Af - firm - ing each o - ther with

3. You greet us here and ev - 'ry - where, In mo - ments of one - ness and

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in us and be - yond.

As we eat may we share your gifts

hu - mour and with grace.

May we grow be - yond nar - row needs

spac - es of de - light.

To all this we now say "A - men",

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of hope and com - pas - sion with

all the life of Earth.

to join in the spread - ing of

just and lov - ing peace.

Your song is our an - them, your

dance our cos - mic joy.

Song:

God Beyond, Between, Within

TUNE: O Store Gud; WORDS: George Stuart

There are no words by which we catch the myst'ry;

Yet still we sing, we praise and we adore;

There are no words in which we hold the history

Of all creation. We just stand in awe.

God is beyond our wildest fantasies;

God is beyond, yet we respond.

God is beyond exotic ecstasies;

God is beyond, yet we respond.

When love is shared and people show compassion,
As Jesus did, once there in Galilee,
When love is shared and given without ration
We show how fully human we can be.
God is between, involved in all events;
God is between, although unseen.
God is between involved in every sense;
God is between, although unseen.

Within our souls, the stirrings of our spirit
Prompt us to try to make all conflict cease;
Within our souls we're conscious of the merit
Of gentleness, of love, of grace and peace.
God is within to share our human need;
God is within; rejoice therein.
God is within; our life is blest indeed;
God is within; rejoice therein.



God is beyond, between, within – not absent;
Not far away, not on some lofty throne;
God is beyond, between, within so constant;
No gulf to bridge to some angelic zone.
This is Good News; we know that we belong;
For God is LOVE; for God is LOVE.
This is Good News, the everlasting song;
For God is LOVE. Yes! God is LOVE.

Blessing

POSTLUDE: ***A Celtic Prayer, Music by Barry Peters***

May the CHRIST who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road,
May the CHRIST who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve,
May the CHRIST who loves with a wounded heart open up your hearts to LOVE.
May you see the face of CHRIST in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see
the face of CHRIST in you.
Amen, Amen.



**Please stay tuned to the end of the video for a special appeal
from Council Member Andrew Slonetsky!**

OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1035 Wayne Drive
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR

contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131691727RR0001-holy-cross-lutheran-church/>

CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.



This Easter Season worship with us!

We are reviving the early Christian
practice of "Home Church."
Updated for these challenging times:

**Online Worship Videos
will be posted
Sundays at 10:45am**

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ALLELUIA!



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Street Outreach Van



A big THANK-YOU from the volunteers at the Outreach Van!

"Global Justice Team and Holy Cross Lutheran Church

On behalf of the street outreach staff team and clients I would like to thank you so very much for your donation of food during this pandemic. As you know we rely heavy on donations from the community to do the work that we do. This month we have been incredibly busy and saw an increase of 125 new clients who have never accessed the services of the van. I am extremely grateful for all the help we receive from the volunteers over the years. I often tell Sharon and the other ladies this. They make our job that much easier.

Mary Ann"

We all know that there are folks in distress during this period of diminishing resources and fear over the pandemic. Contributing food items to the Van may be a way you would feel you could help with.

Items most needed are:

**Peanut Butter
Tuna
Baked Beans
Canned Pasta Sauce (no glass)
Canned Soup**



To arrange pick-up or drop-off
of your donation: Email

holycrosslutheran@rogers.com

If you go shopping for yourself, or send someone shopping on your behalf, please consider buying some extra for the Van. Since there are no volunteers to go shopping for the Van, we appreciate food donations over monetary gifts.

Your donations will be picked up from your porch or we can arrange a drop off for you if you email holycrosslutheran@rogers.com





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open up your hearts to LOVE.
May you see the face of CHRIST
in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet
see the face of CHRIST in you.
Amen, Amen.**