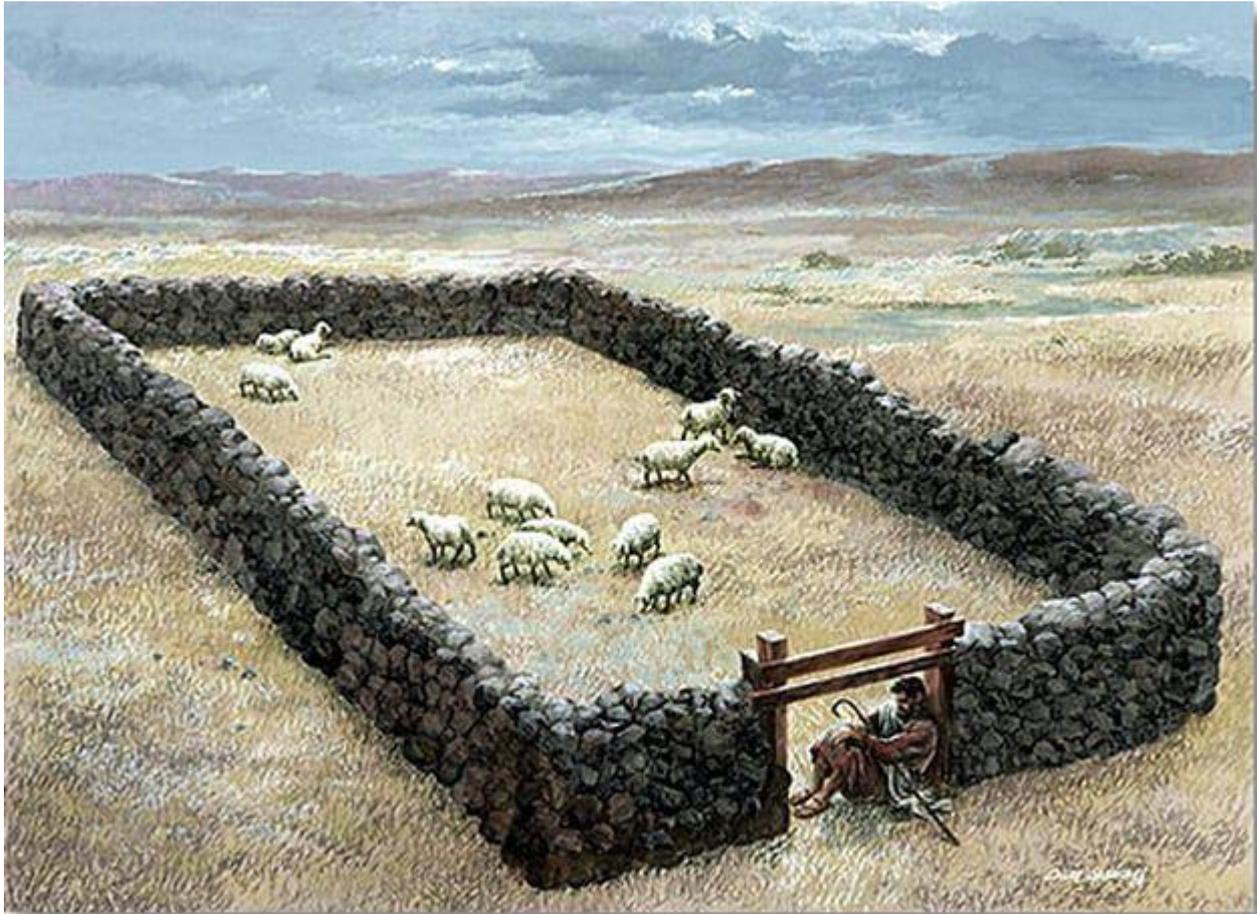


# St Luke's Morning Communion together 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

## Easter 4



### ***Welcome and introduction***

Music – we hear/sing **The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want**

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.

*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.*

*(Descant)*

*I will trust, I will trust in You. I will trust, I will trust in You.  
Endless mercy follows me, goodness will lead me home.*

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.

*And I will trust in You alone...*

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.

*And I will trust in You alone...*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All And also with you**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### ***Introduction to confession***

We pray together:

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We say together the Gloria:

**All**            **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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 Collect or prayer for the week***

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

***Our gospel reading (read by Keith Beresford)***

A reading from John chapter 10

Jesus said: "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

This is the gospel of the Lord

**All**            **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Thoughts on the passage (DD)***  
***(Followed by music by William Walton)***

Which picture would you like to think about?

- Can you see the one who is life and gives life speaking to you this morning - can you see him, hear him? What does he say?
- Can you find a place to think about Jesus being the gate, the entrance through which we find safety and homecoming? Once through the entrance, which is Jesus himself, we find eternal life.
- Is there something about the familiarity and togetherness of the shepherd and the sheep, Jesus being our guardian, our guide, giving us life and hope?
- Or what about the picture of the shepherd in the morning, with Jesus coming to us and calling us out in to his world and his life? Are we ready to greet him? Ready to follow?
- What abundance of life are we experiencing now? Do we need to ask Jesus to show us how his abundance works in a time of fasting as we fast from our church building, our freedom of movement, our social lives, our work our friends?

***Intercessions (led by Gwyn Williams)***

***The Peace***

**Minister**        The two disciples told what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus has been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.

**All**                The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## Music – We hear/sing **The Power of the Cross**

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the cost:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

*This, the power of the cross...*

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

*This, the power of the cross...*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **The Eucharistic Prayer B**

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you**

Lift up your hearts  
**All We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,  
your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;

who was sent by you in your great goodness  
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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

**All    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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
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.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world,  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving,  
We bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen**

As our Saviour taught us so we pray

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All      Though we are many, we are one body,  
            because we all share in one bread.**

### **The Invitation**

As we receive communion, or meditate on the gifts of God we hear  
**'Lord Jesus' by Judy Allen and Michael Cole**

O Lord, Lord Jesus, love held you to the tree,  
O Lord, Lord Jesus, pain and darkness you bore for me.  
Alleluia, glory to the Lamb, glory to the Son!  
O Lord, Lord Jesus, through the eyes of pain I see your love for me.

**All              Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
                    with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
                    Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
                    to be a living sacrifice.  
                    Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
                    to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

### **Music – We hear/sing Great is Thy faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness...*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness...*

### **Blessing and dismissal**

**All              Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
                    In the name of Christ. Amen**