

THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,  
HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 25TH, 2021 ~ 10:00AM  
MORNING PRAYER

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A Celebration for Earth Day  
*adapted from A Celtic Earth Mass by John Philip Newell*

*Celebrant* Come come, O Christ and stand in our midst  
as you did stand in the midst of your disciples  
and speak to us words of peace.

*All* Peace to each woman, peace to each man.  
**Peace to each family, peace to each child.**

*Celebrant* Peace to the creatures, peace to the nations.  
*All* **Peace in our hearts, peace in our world.**

*Celebrant* Come, come, O Christ, and stand in our midst  
As you did stand in the midst of your disciples  
and speak to us words of peace.

*All* Come to us from the heart of God.  
**Come to us from the garden of our  
beginnings.**

*Celebrant* Come to us from the centre of this moment.  
*All* **Come to us from the true depths of our  
soul.**

*Celebrant* Come, come, O Christ, and stand in our midst  
As you did stand in the midst of your disciples  
and speak to us words of peace.

**H**YMN # 3  
**MORNING HAS BROKEN** BUNESSAN

# We Listen to God's Word

**Reader** A reading from the book of *Acts*

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."  
ACTS 4:5-12

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**All** **Thanks be to God.**

**Reader** A reading from *Psalms* 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.  
**He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**  
He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.  
**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**  
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

**Reader** A reading from the 1st 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. 1 JOHN 3:16-24

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**All** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**Reader** A reading from the Gospel of John

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." JOHN 10:11-18

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

**SERMON** Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe

A Moment for Quiet Reflection

**Anthem**



## We Respond to God's Word

### **THANKSGIVING**

**All** **Great Creating Spirit, from whom all life comes forth, here we gather again, seeking your presence, longing once more to be nourished, hungering for wholeness in our lives and for unity on earth, and for peace among the nations.**

**Here we gather with creation's elements all around us, with earth, air, fire and water still expanding through the universe, with the glory of the sun, the whiteness of the moon, The glittering of heaven's lights off flowing waters.**

**Here we gather with the firm fecundity of the earth, the growing and greening of trees, creatures of the day and night, birds of the air  
all full of your glory  
all bearers of your presence  
all part of the great harmony that we long to touch and taste and become one with again.**

**So with everything that we see and sense around us, With visible and invisible energies that pulse with life. We join our souls in the song that vibrates throughout the whole of creation,**

**Holy, holy, holy God, your presence fills all things.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

**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.**

### **PRAYER FOR THE EARTH**

*Celebrant* Heaven and earth are full of your glory O God. Your presence fills all things. Yet what have we done?

**All Creation marred by neglect and abuse**

*Celebrant* life-forms torn forever out of the fabric of the universe

**All nature ravaged**

*Celebrant* wealth wasted

**All earth's community divided**

*Celebrant* Nations at war

**All communities fractured**

*Celebrant* families broken

**All the human soul sick and far from home.**

*Celebrant* Great Creating Spirit, hear our plea for mercy

**All hear our prayers for the earth.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

Consoled by the knowledge that the Good Shepherd gives his life for us, let us pray for the needs of our community, our church, and our world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

The earliest Christian community held all things in common, and no one was in need. May we recommit ourselves to hold the goods of this world in common and to work to eliminate hunger and homelessness. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* When we share with one another, we make a new world. May we build a new community on earth which knows God as home. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* Following the example of the shepherd who searched for the lost sheep, let us seek out the lost in our community and welcome them in our midst. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* Conscious of the Good Shepherd's voice, may we speak God's words of reconciliation and peace to all we meet, and may all in governmental authority receive the joyful message of peace. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* We are called to give up our lives for others. Let us praise God for all in serving professions who work at low pay for the welfare of others. May we give our lives to those in our care. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the family and friends of Janet Sangster who passed to be with the Lord on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and all who have died, and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find his blessed assurance, and life eternal with him. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the sick, the aged, the lonely, especially; Al, Barry, Bill, Bob, Brian, Bryce, Caroline, Dave N. Dianne, Don, Ed, Eileen, Gayle, Jack, Jennifer, John, Kelly, Lawrence, Linda, Margaret, Marie-Eve, Ottley, Rebecca, Robert, Ruth, Sheldon Wayne and **[Names in Parish]**, and any who cannot be with us today, that they may know our kindness and God's mercy. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for St. David Anglican-Lutheran Church, Orillia, its community breakfast program, food support to the Orillia Lighthouse, counselling services through the Harmony Centre, community garden, Route 66 weekly Kids'

Club, and its support of Jubilee House and the Pikangikum Water Project; for St. David, Donlands, its Open Door weekly parent and caregiver drop-in, art classes for youth and community performing arts events, food garden, support of St. Monica's Food Bank and Eastview Community Centre's food access programs; and for St. Dunstan of Canterbury, its donations of knitted goods to Scarborough Centenary Hospital, its twinning relationship with a First Nations community in northern Saskatchewan, and fundraising program to support local and global outreach. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* In our own Deanery of Peterborough we offer our prayers for Regional Dean for Peterborough Deanery, The Rev. Canon Gloria Master. For this let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

**God, in you we live and move and have our being. You seek us before we know your name, and you give us joy in your life. Accept our prayer of joy in being found and forgiven and loved by you, for we pray in the name of Christ your Son and in the joy of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**COVID PRAYER** this Sunday and others at:

<https://www.miltonanglican.org/prayers-for-the-covid-19-crisis.html>

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/covid-19-resources>

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## MEMORY OF JESUS

*Celebrant* Into our brokenness came the memory of wholeness.

*All* **Into our fear came the messenger of love.**

*Celebrant* Christ is born among us

*All* **one with us**

*Celebrant* child of heaven

*All* **son of womankind**

*Celebrant* bearer of forgiveness

*All* **healer of our nature**

*Celebrant* teacher of wisdom

*All* **prophet of peace**

*Celebrant* rejected by the religious

*All* **crucified by the state**

*Celebrant* companion of our soul

*All* **lover of the earth.**

## PRAYER OF JESUS

*Celebrant* And as Jesus taught us we pray.

*All* **Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe. May we know your presence here, seeking your will upon earth. Grant all your creatures food for to day and strength for our families. Pardon our falseness as we forgive those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our need but lead us to new birth. For the glory of life and the light of life are yours forever. Amen.**

## PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

*Celebrant* Great Creating Spirit, who swept over the depths of the unknown to give birth to creation in all its splendour.

*All* **Great Creating Spirit, who conceived new life in the womb of Mary to give birth to the Child of Peace.**

*Celebrant* Great Creating Spirit, who hovers over the waters of the human soul today to give birth to healings and visions that have never been before.

*All* **Come to us as an earth community.**

*Celebrant* Come to us as nations of the world.

*All* **Grant us wholeness.**

*Celebrant* Grant us healing.

*All* **Grant us together a new language that we may be one.**

## H YMN #656

**SHE COMES SAILING ON THE WIND** SHE FLIES ON

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

~DISMISSAL~

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**Today's Readers**

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1st Lesson OT	June Seaborn
Psalm	Irene Fulton
2nd Lesson	Piet Goemans
Gospel	Larry Ricciardelli
Prayers	Marlene Doohar

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**Next Weeks Readers May 2nd, 2021**

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1st Lesson OT	Sandy Philp
Psalm	Irene Fulton
2nd Lesson	Alden Mitchell
Gospel	Nancy DeKuyper
Prayers	Ann Chambers

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**If you wish to add anybody to the Prayers or make changes, please send me an email.  
Thank you.**

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Next Sunday May 2nd, 2021, 10:00am  
Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe  
5th Sunday of Easter ~ Morning Prayer  
Readings

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ACTS 8:26-40

PSALM 22:24-30

1 JOHN 4:7-21

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JOHN 15:1-8

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*Bible readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version.*

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