

*Fourth Sunday
of Easter
April 22, 2018*

CHRIST CHURCH
Amherst, N. S.

4th Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School, Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy) p. 186
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Collect of the Day

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Acts.(4 : 5 - 12)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

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A Reading from the First Letter of John. (3 : 16 - 24)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN # 3 - CC Songbook - “As the Deer”

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John. (10 : 11 - 18)

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE READING

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

HYMN # 375 - “At the Name of Jesus”

SERMON

HYMN # 635 - “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

The Creed

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The Intercessions

'I am the Good Shepherd and I lay down my life for the sheep.'

The Lord is our Shepherd; knowing his care for us, let us pray.

For all who shepherd others as bishops and pastors, and for all in their care; for Christians threatened and under attack; and all whose ministry feels demanding. For a greater affection and care, one for another, in the Church.

The Lord is our Good Shepherd:
there is nothing we shall lack.

We pray for all in positions of leadership and influence in our world, that they may use that power for good; for an increase in our concern for one another's well-being, across all barriers, and for all who are working to build community.

The Lord is our Good Shepherd:
there is nothing we shall lack.

We pray for those who are wandering, lost and aimless, with no idea that any Good Shepherd exists; for those who die unaware that they are precious and valued by the God who loved them into being.

The Lord is our Good Shepherd:
there is nothing we shall lack.

We pray for those who have died to this earthly life, that the Good Shepherd, who understands what it is to die, may bring them safely home.

The Lord is our Good Shepherd:
there is nothing we shall lack.

We pray in thankfulness for your shepherding of us, and own you as our Good Shepherd in whom we are kept safe for ever.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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OFFERTORY HYMN # 520 -

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread #8

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The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Communion

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Holy Eucharist is a joyful celebration of our life together in Jesus Christ. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion here. The response to receiving the bread and wine is 'Amen'. If you would like to come forward and receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please cross your arms as you come to the rail.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

553 - “Ubi Caritas et Amor”

414 - “God of the Sparrow”

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more

than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN # 7 - CC Songbook -

“Christ triumphant, ever reigning”

Memorials

Gifts to Christ Church have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Susan Wood - from: Gail Gilhen

Sandra MacInnes - from: Warren Murley

CYCLE OF PRAYER - April 22

DARTMOUTH REGION

Christ Church, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

The Reverend Kyle Wagner and Julie

The Reverend Jane Clattenburg, Pastoral Visitor

St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia

The Reverend Katherine Bourbonniere and Brian

The Reverend Walter Beazley, Associate Parish Priest, and Brenda

The Reverend Gary Giles, Associate Parish Priest, and Dawn-Marie

Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia

The Reverend Caitlin Ratcliffe

St. Peter's, Eastern Passage

Christ Church, Cow Bay

THIS WEEK

TODAY - Sunday, April 22nd

Deadline to sign up for Volunteer Food Handlers Course
Signup sheet is in the narthex.

Tuesday, April 24th

7:00 p.m. - Regional Council - at Christ Church, Lantz, NS

Wednesday, April 25th

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, April 26th

6:30 p.m.- Choir Practice

Saturday, April 28th

5:00 p.m. - Senior's Dinner

Theme - "Flowers, Flowers, Flowers"

Sunday, April 29th

9:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

10:00 a.m. - Combined Church Service

Monday, April 30th

7:00 p.m. - Parish Council

Wednesday, May 2nd

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, May 3rd

6:30 p.m.- Choir Practice

Friday, May 4th - 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Volunteer Food Handlers Course
(downstairs in the Parish Hall)

Sunday, May 13th - 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Mother's Day Turkey Dinner

Adults - \$15.00 / Children under 12 - \$7.00

Tickets available at the Door or the Church Office.

Takeouts available from 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Forward Day By Day

Daily Bible readings for May, June and July are available at the back of the church. Cost is only \$1.50.

FOOD BANK

Items requested for April

Juice
Kraft Dinner
Peanut Butter

Items requested for May

Toilet Tissue
Canned Tuna
Canned Ham



Share a time in your life when loving a neighbour as yourself was especially challenging.



Christ taught us to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Describe a time when it was difficult to forgive someone.



Share a story from your life where you were most faithful to following Christ's message.