

ORDER OF SERVICE
25 April 2021
Easter 4

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Love Devine, All Loves Excelling	CCLI#4928685	Fiona Binney
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	No Other Name Have Faith in God	CCLI#7019979 SCE 400/ P&W 714	Fiona Binney
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Selena/Emily
Song	I'm So Secure	SCE 221/CCLI#1935925	Fiona Binney
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Acts 4: 5-12;	1 John 3: 16-24;	John 10: 11-18
Message	Active Love		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Day by Day	P&W 835/CCLI#2191081	Fiona Binney
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication			Rev Allan Smith
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Helen Evans
Prayers of the People			Helen Evans
Communion Song	The Table	CCLI#7028956	Fiona Binney
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	The King of Love my Shepherd is	CCLI#6529824	Fiona Binney
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Chorus The King of Love	CCLI#6529824	Fiona Binney

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Helen Evans
Bible Reader	Pam Elliott
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Piano	Craig Binney
Backup Singers	
Additional Music	
Sound System	Helper Please
Data Operator	Ian Anderson
Power Point Producer	Ian Anderson
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 23)*

The Lord God is my shepherd, I shall not want.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me.

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and lovingkindness shall pursue me
all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord God forever.

Let us worship God.

SONG [Love Devine, All Loves Excelling](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious and forgiving Lord - gentle shepherd and merciful master - be present with us and lead us in holiness and righteousness. Bless us with your word of truth and with your spirit of peace that we may worship you not only with our words and our thoughts, but also with our hearts and, when we rise to leave, with all our actions. Indeed most loving God, accept the praise we bring and help us dedicate ourselves completely to you. Amen.

SONGS [No Other Name](#)

[Have faith in God](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lead us, Architect of Creation,
into all those places where we will discover your hope
waiting to nourish and restore our famished souls.

Lead us, Shepherd of little children,
into all those places where we may have the joy
of filling the emptiness of others with your goodness.

Lead us, Spirit of Goodness,
into all those places where deeds of kindness
and hands overflowing with mercy speak louder than platitudes.

God in Community, Holy in One,
lead us into your kingdom we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gentle Shepherd, we have been beat up and broken by the world at times. We have been rejected and forgotten. We have been pushed down and moved to the margins. Bring us in. Bind up our wounds. Lift us up. May we know your love and embrace.

Forgive us when we have been the ones causing the hurt and pain for others, when we have forgotten and rejected our neighbours, when we have been the ones to marginalize and oppress. May your love, justice, and peace prevail. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus Christ is the good shepherd
who lays down his life for his sheep.
Though we have fallen short of his commandments,
through faith in his name we are saved
and raised to new life.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
Be at peace.
Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [I'm so secure \(in your hands\)](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Acts 4:5-12](#)

[1 John 3:16-24](#)

[John 10:11-18](#)

SERMON [Active love](#)

SONG [Day by Day \(I am carried\)](#)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

In thanks for the great gift of Jesus' life within us, we bring this offering to be used to spread the good news of his love. We bring our lives also to be blessed anew by God, praying that the power that raised Jesus from the dead will enliven our spirits and renew our dedication to witness to the gospel not just in word and speech, but also in truth and action. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Helen Evans)*

Sovereign Lord, you reign over all nations. Guide rulers in all lands to look on their people with compassion. We pray for prisoners, those who live in fear, the persecuted and the shunned. Release them from the chains of injustice. (Acts 4:5-12)

Gracious Shepherd, we pray for people whose lives are broken by sin: for the abused and their abusers, for those struggling with addictions, for the mentally, spiritually and physically ill. Strengthen them and guide them to wholeness. (Psalm 23)

Loving Lord, your word tells us we are to be willing to lay down our lives for one another as our Lord Jesus laid down his life for us. Help us to look on the needs of others and send your Spirit to guide our response. Make us eager and generous in our giving. (1 John 3:16-24)

Living Lord, your resurrection gives us hope when serious illness or accidental injuries threaten our lives. Guide us through these crises, knowing you are with us at all times. You laid down your life for us. Help us to show our gratitude for your mercy every day of our lives and make us fit to be with you into eternity. (John 10:11-18)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG [The Table](#)

SONG [The king of love my shepherd is](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd,
and let us love, not just in words,
but in truth and action.
Believe in the name of Jesus Christ,
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may the grace...

HOLY COMMUNION: Easter 4 Year B

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for with you as our shepherd, we need nothing more.

At the dawn of time you spread creation out like a banquet
and in love brought forth all life on the earth.
Through your prophets you promised a good shepherd,
who though rejected, would become the cornerstone
of salvation for every creature under heaven.

Your promise has been fulfilled in your Son,
Jesus of Nazareth,
who showed us the fullness of love
that lays down even its own life for others.
He was crucified, but you raised him from the dead,
and through his love we have the boldness to approach you.

Because he abides in us,
and in all who listen to his voice,
our cup overflows with goodness and love
and our feet find safe paths leading to your house
where we will live forever.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION