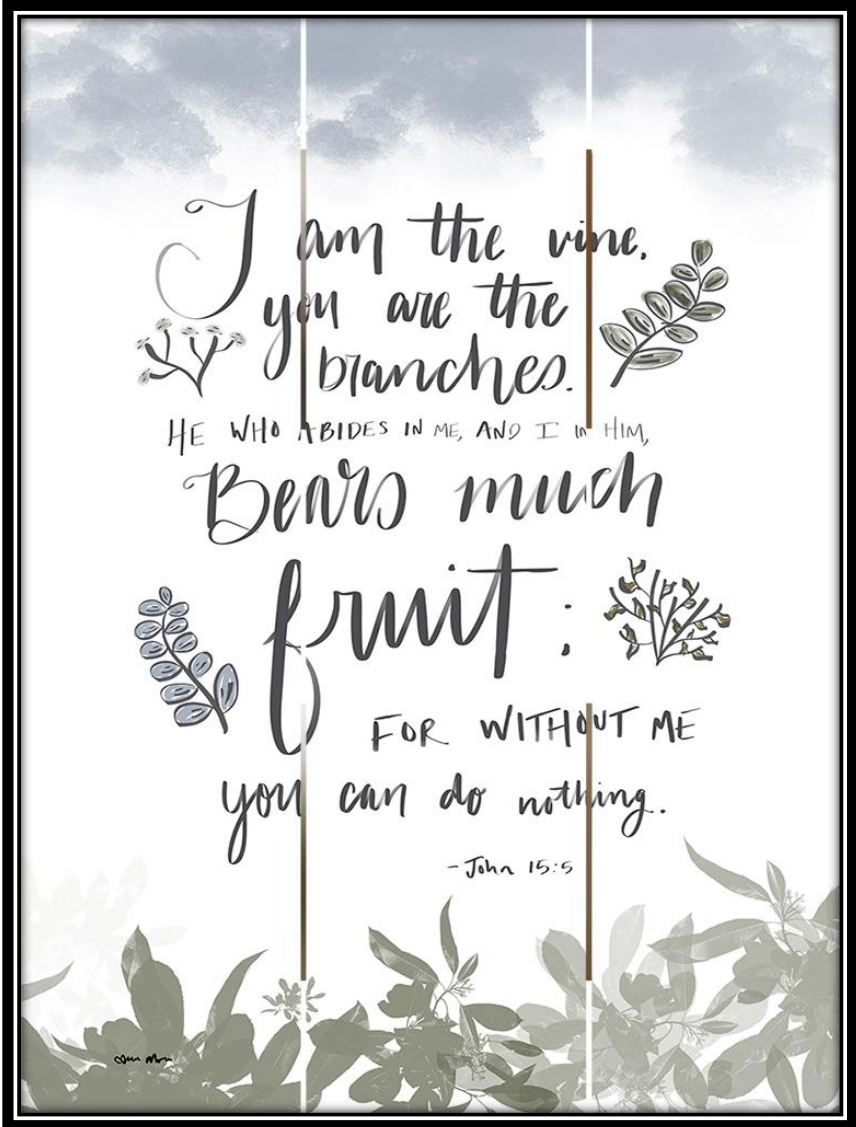


# The Fourth Sunday after Easter Rogation Sunday



8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion  
Sunday, April 28th, 2024

“Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation”

# Holy Communion

## Introit – Psalm 98:1-4



- 1 O SING Unto the LORD a new song; /  
for he hath done marvellous things.
- 2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, /  
hath he gotten himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD hath declared his salvation: /  
his righteousness hath he openly shown  
in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel; /  
and all the ends of the world have seen  
the salvation of our God.

**p 67 The Collect**

**p 69 The Summary of the Law**

**p 70 Mutual Salutation**

**p 194 The Collect of the Day**

## First Reading – Acts 8:26-40

**Reader:** The Lesson is written in the 8th Chapter of Acts beginning at the 26th verse.

<sup>26</sup> But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, “Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a desert *road*.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup> Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you

are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this:

"HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER;  
AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT,  
SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH.

<sup>33</sup> "IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY;  
WHO WILL RELATE HIS GENERATION?  
FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH."

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please *tell me*, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. <sup>36</sup> As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch \*said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>37</sup> [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."] <sup>38</sup> And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.

<sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

**Reader:** Here endeth the Lesson.

### **Psalm 22:25-31**

<sup>25</sup> Of thee cometh my praise in the great congregation;  
**my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.**

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
they that seek after the LORD shall praise him;  
**may your heart live for ever.**

<sup>27</sup> ALL the ends of the world shall remember,  
and be turned unto the LORD;  
**and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.**

<sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the LORD'S,  
**and he is the Governor among the nations.**

**29** Surely to him shall all the proud of the earth bow down; **and before him shall kneel all that go down into the dust, and he that cannot keep his soul alive.**

**30** Their posterity shall serve him; **it shall be told of the Lord unto a generation yet to come.**

**31** And men shall declare his righteousness **unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done it.**

## **Second Reading – 1 John 4:7-21**

**Reader:** The Epistle is written in the 4th Chapter of 1 John beginning at the 7th verse.

**7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **8** The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. **9** By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. **13** By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. **14** We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.

**15** Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. **16** We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. **17** By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. **19** We love, because He first loved us. **20** If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother *and sister*, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother *and sister* whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. **21** And

this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother *and sister* also.

**Reader:** Here endeth the Epistle.

**Please Stand.**

### **Hymn #11 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise His name--I'm fixed upon it--  
Name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me;  
Thou hast bro't me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Bo't me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

### **The Gospel – John 15:1-11**

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 15th Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John beginning at the 1st verse.

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**15** "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>  
Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away;

and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. <sup>9</sup> Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ

**People:** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## p 71 The Creed

### The Message - The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

## p 72 The Offertory

Please stand.

### Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### **Ending**

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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**p 74 Prayer over Gifts**  
Please kneel or sit.

**p 75 The Intercession**

## **p 76 The Invitation**

## **p 77 The General Confession and Absolution**

## **p 78 The Thanksgiving**

### **Proper Preface:**

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

## **p 81 “Therefore with Angels ... “**

## **p 82-83 The Prayer of Consecration**

## **p 84 “O LAMB of God”**

## **The Communion**

*In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus’ gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.*



**p 85 The Lord's Prayer**

**p 85 "... And here we offer ..."**

**p 86 Gloria**

Please stand.

**p 86 Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Message from Kate Berringer,  
Camp Harding Executive Director**

**Behold What Manner of Love**

Behold what manner of love  
The Father has given unto us  
Behold what manner of love  
The Father has given unto us

**Chorus**

That we should be called  
The sons of God  
That we should be called  
The sons of God

CCLI Song # 1596

## **Prayers of the People – April 28th, 2024**

James wrote, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b)  
This week we pray especially for:

### **OUR CHURCH**

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of  
the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land &  
Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls, Primate of The  
Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our  
Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

### **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

The Church of Bangladesh

### **In the Anglican Diocese of Calgary**

St. Michael & All Angels, Strathmore with The Rev. Malcolm  
Kern; Missional Coaches

### **In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands**

St. Mary, Bequia with Holy Cross, Paget Farm, Mustique; St.  
Michael, Canouan; and St. Matthias, Union Island with The  
Ven. J. Everton Weekes and The Rev. Frank Garraway

### **In the Anglican Church of Canada**

The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Bishop, the Most Rev. Fred  
Hiltz, Assisting Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Victoria Matthews,  
Episcopal Administrator, and the clergy and people of the  
Diocese of Moosonee

### **In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**

The congregations of the Winnipeg area of the Manitoba-  
Northwestern Ontario Synod

## **OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY**

King Charles III, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,  
Premier Danielle Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark

## **OUR WORLD**

Kelly and Peter with Overseas Missionary Fellowship  
Persecuted Christians everywhere

## **OUR CITY CHURCHES**

St. Ambrose Anglican with David Carter and Eldean Parnell

## **OUR PARISH**

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen  
and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec

The Reverend John Willems, Blenda and their family  
Roger & Anita Bouchard; Lionel Brideson; and Val Browne;  
and their families

Wardens – Elaine and Gord

Compassion Canada & Teguh and Timo in Indonesia

The GriefShare Program

The Saturday Meal Program

The SMART Program

The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

Medicine Hat College Nursing Students - Senior Home Visits

## **OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED**

Harvey; Arleen; Kathy; Kobe; Allan; Karen; Virginia; Kevin;  
Skylar; Deanna; Isaiah; Lorna; Becca; Wilfred; Clive; Chase;  
Alicia; and their families.

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2 Corinthians 5:19

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