

## Preparation Hymn CP 85

*Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless*

Tune: St. Agnes

## Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God,  
ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

## Hymn during Communion CP 553

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love;

Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Source: *The Taizé Community*

## Sending Hymn CP 239

*Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now*

Tune: St. Albinus

**Postlude:** *See the conqu'ring hero comes* from Judas Maccabeus (1747) – G. F. Handel (1685-1759) CP 210



### This Pretty Planet

This pretty planet spinning through space,  
You're a garden,  
you're a harbor,  
You're a holy place,  
Golden sun going down,  
Gentle blue giant spin us around.  
All through the night,  
safe 'til the morning light.

*John Forster & Tom Chapin*

## The Cathedral Church of All Saints



## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

**Instrumental Prelude:** Hymn Tune: *Resignation*  
*Southern Harmony (1835)* CP 583

## Welcome

## Territorial Acknowledgement

## Opening Hymn: CP 519

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

Tune: Crimond

## Children's Message



## Collect

Lord of the sheepfold,  
whose love is not for hire:  
we thank you that Christ laid down his life for us  
when we could not help ourselves.  
Give us strength to work for peace  
in the world he came to serve;  
through the same Jesus Christ, the good shepherd.  
Amen.

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## The Proclamation of the Word

*Reader:* Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

*All:* **Our hearts and minds are open.**

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Acts (4:5-12)

The next day their 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.’

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

Setting by George Black

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM



**Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord **is** my shepherd;  
there is nothing **I** shall want.  
Fresh and green **are** the pastures  
where he gives **me** repose.

Near restful **waters** he leads me,  
to revive my **drooping** spirit.  
He guides me along **the** right path;  
he is true **to** his name.

You have prepared a **banquet** for me  
in the sight **of** my foes.

My head you have **anointed** with oil.  
My cup is **overflowing**.

Surely goodness and **kindness** shall follow me  
all the days **of** my life.

In the Lord’s own house **I** shall dwell  
for **ever** and ever.

## Gradual Hymn CP 444

*Your Hand, O God, Has Guided*

Tune: Thornbury

## The Gospel

*All stand, as able, for the Gospel.*

*Deacon* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

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

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

‘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.’

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,*  
The Gospel of Christ.

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



## OUTREACH:

This is what you've done since January:

- prepared and served 340 meals to Shelter Nova Scotia and St. George's Soup Kitchen.
- collected and dispersed back-up supplies for St. George's Soup Kitchen.
- collected and delivered donations to St Mark's Food Bank.
- made an emergency delivery of 18 coats to crew members of the BBC Topaz who arrived in Halifax Harbour without winter clothing.
- delivered homemade soup and a roll to people needing a pick-me-up in the new Soup to Doorstep program.
- dropped off new boots to Parker Street; staff were thrilled to get new, not used, boots.
- welcomed and settled two new Canadians, UNHCR refugees from Syria.
- dispensed several hundred dollars of gift cards for food and bus tickets to drop-ins and tenters at the Victoria Park tent village, along with propane, tarps, blankets, food, coolers and other requested needs as well as a listening ear.

*Comment from Linda Wilson, executive director, Shelter N.S:*  
“I think one of the greatest gifts you give is regularly checking to see what we need as opposed to assuming and dropping off items for which we need storage space.”

*Comment on Soup to Doorstep:*

“Having just had a fall, breaking my right wrist and a few ribs, imagine how delighted I was to get a call from an outreach volunteer asking if she could drop by. She arrived with the most delicious homemade soup and rolls for me. Oh was it good, and I appreciated it so much. Thank you to the “Soup to the Doorstep” volunteers.”

The monthly ASK box for April and May: new men's underwear (medium and large)

Watch for **OUTREACH SUNDAY** May 5 to learn more about the Cathedral's Outreach endeavours.

To get more involved email:  
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***Outreach Prayer:** Lord God, who gives all things, I thank You for the spiritual and earthly blessings that have come to me from Your gracious hand. Help me to put You first in all things, to seek Your glory, and to love and serve my Neighbour as myself. Amen*