

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2009 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant: The Right Reverend Rustin Kimsey
Preacher: The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu,
Archbishop Emeritus, Cape Town, South Africa
Rector ~ The Reverend Janet Fullmer
Deacon: The Reverend Robert Carsner

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Dalles, Oregon

The Word of God
Prelude ~ African Drums
Opening Hymn

Freedom is coming

Choir

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of praise *Glory to God in the highest* Hymnal S 280
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Acts 3:12-19* David Leslie
The day after they had arrested Peter and John for teaching about Jesus and the resurrection, 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."

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *I shall not be in want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul *and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**
- 4 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.**
- 5 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.**
- 6 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.**

Second Reading*1 John 3:1-7*

Harriet Langfeldt

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.

Sequence Hymn*The King of love my shepherd is*

Hymnal 645

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel*John 10:11-18*

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."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

The Nicene Creed

BCP 355

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Denise Beasley

In this glorious Easter season, we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim the wondrous acts our God has done.

We are an Easter people. Alleluia is our song!

Let us pray for the Church. We pray for our sisters and brothers in South Africa and all of the Anglican Communion. We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, all who share our ministry in this diocese. We pray for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and the churches of other denominations with whom we share ministry in this town and county. May we grow together as the Body of Christ, and proclaim in unity the Good News.

Lord, you are the way, the truth and the life. Give us the grace to reflect you by word and example.

At this time of hope and promise for our parish and our diocese, we pray for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon. And we pray for our retired clergy, Rustin, John, Lewis, and Robert. We pray especially for Archbishop Desmond and Leah Tutu. We pray for the diverse ministries of all members of this congregation.

Christ, our guide, may we know our gifts and offer them to you for the fulfillment of the mission and ministry to which we are called.

Let us pray for our nation and for our leaders.

Christ, our hope, may our public and private wealth and privilege be used as a blessing to the world.

We pray for the whole world. God of creation, who created all people in your own image, give us eyes to behold the beauty of the wondrous and glorious diversity you have created. Give us hearts and minds to know and serve the common good.

Christ, our Redeemer, help us to strive for justice and peace among all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

We pray for the hungry, the homeless, the needy, those facing job insecurities or any personal difficulty.

People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.

Christ the Good Shepherd, guide us to work with you in our community.

We pray for those who are ill, disabled, facing medical uncertainties, or in any need or trouble, that they may be made whole. We pray for caregivers needing strength, wisdom and encouragement. We remember especially those who trust us to pray for them.

People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.

Christ the healer, be present with and through us, to those who need your comfort.

We pray for all feeling confined in any of numerous ways. Remove despair and infuse a sense of purpose and value.

People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.

Christ the key holder, unlock the chains that bind us. Resurrect our spirits in your freedom to allow us to bloom even in a gutter.

This Sunday we ask your blessing upon the members of this parish.

People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.

Lord of life, may we see and celebrate the sacred in each of our everyday lives.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. We pray for parents, spouses, children and loved ones of those in the service.

People may add intercessions and petitions silently or aloud.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

***All Sing* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

All Sing

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymns

Come now, O Prince of Peace

WLP 795

Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body, come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
Come now O God of Love, make us one body, come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior, come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations. Come, hope of Unity, make us one body, come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Refrain: Hallelujah! We sing your praises! All our hearts are filled with gladness! Hallelujah! We sing your praises! All our hearts are filled with gladness! *Verse 1:* Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger!" *Refrain;* *Verse 2:* Jesus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who do the Lord's will are my sisters and my brothers. *Refrain.*

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock. We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace, in strength of which we travel on to our abiding-place. Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart. Lord, sup with us in love divine, thy Body and thy Blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

Please Stand **Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Recessional

Siya'hamba – We are Marching

Choir/Congregation

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

Si ya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', Si ya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Si ya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', Si ya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siya'hamba, hamba, Siya'hamba, hamba, Si ya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siya'hamba, hamba, Siya'hamba, hamba, Si ya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Please join us downstairs in Tayler Hall
for refreshments and fellowship.*

Servers This Morning: Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey; Preacher: Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Rector: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Robert Carsner; Worship Leader: Lynne Gill; Eucharist Ministers: Lowry Browning, Dewanda Clark, Ron Fullmer, Ned Kice, Jeff Krier, Harriet Langfeldt; Lectors: Harriet Langfeldt, David Leslie~*Executive Director, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon*; Prayers of the People: Verna Browne, Denise Beasley; Pianist: Rule Beasley; Altar Guild: Kim McCullough, Joanne Manciu; Acolytes: Don Dickinson, Laura Lowe, Anna Miller; Altar Bread: Jan Swartz; Greeters: Verna Browne, Sharon Paz; Ushers: Jerry Davis, Jerry Frazier, Ned Kice, John Mabrey; Coffee Hour: St. Paul's Congregation.

*The flowers at the altar today are given by
Shirley Bjelland in celebration of the
birthdays of Pat and Nick.*

CALENDAR:

Sun- NO Bible Study today
Mon- AA "open" meeting 7 pm Tayler Hall
Tues- Worship Committee ~ noon Library
Bible Study 1 pm Library
Wed- Knitting Ministry 6:30-8:00 pm Library
AA "closed" meeting 7 pm Tayler Hall
Thurs- Healing service ~ noon
Sat- AA Potluck 6-9:00 pm Tayler Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome, All! We are so blessed to have us all together celebrating with joy the love and grace that Archbishop Desmond and Leah Tutu have brought to us and the world!

DIOCESAN SPECIAL CONVENTION will be held Saturday, May 23rd at Ascension School in Cove. Information, including registration forms, is on the large table in the narthex.