

25 April 9:00am Traditional Worship

Face-to-face at the church, as well as on phones and zoom:

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Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Introit: Praise to the living God (TiS 102 v.1)

1. Praise to the living God,
all praise be to his name,
who was, and is, and is to be,
and still the same:
the one eternal God
before what now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought
his timeless years!

Call to worship

True love is of God,
source and end.
God is love:
Let us live in love.

True joy comes from the Spirit,
inspiration and hope.
The Spirit is gifted to us:
Let us be warmed by her joy.

True peace is through Christ,
crucified and risen.
Christ prays for us:
Let us share his peace.

We sing: O God of every nation (TiS 621)

1. O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us,
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us,
and heal our strife-torn world.

2. From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.

3. Lord, strengthen all who labour
that all may find release
from fear of rattling sabre,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter
your servants undergird.

4. Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

Prayer of adoration
Prayer of confession
Declaration of forgiveness

Bible reading: John 10: 11-18

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23 (to be read together)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;**
he leads me beside still waters;
³ **he restores my soul.**
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
⁵ **You prepare a table before me**
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Bible reading: 1 John 3: 16-24

We sing: Rejoice in God's saints (TiS 470)

1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

2. Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through
flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our
cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

4. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Time of prayer

The choir sings: The Lord's my shepherd

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Sermon

We sing: A new commandment (TiS 699)

Notices and sharing

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours
now and forever. Amen.

We sing: God of freedom, God of justice (TiS 657)

1. God of freedom, God of justice,
God whose love is strong as death,
God who saw the dark of prison,
God who knew the price of faith:
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.

2. Rid the earth of torture's terror,
God whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,

God who shed the tears and blood;
move in us the power of pity,
restless for the common good.

3. Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed:
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.

Blessing

We sing: Jesus the Lord said "I am the bread" (TiS 239 vv. 3,4,5)

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Jesus the Lord said 'I am the light,
the one true light of the world am I,
the one true light of the world am I,
the one true light of the world am I.'

Jesus the Lord said, 'I am the light,
the one true light of the world am I.'

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Jesus the Lord said 'I am the shepherd,
the one good shepherd of the sheep am I,
the one good shepherd of the sheep am I,
the one good shepherd of the sheep am I.'

Jesus the Lord said, 'I am the shepherd,
the one good shepherd of the sheep am I.'

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Jesus the Lord said 'I am the life,
the resurrection and the life am I,
the resurrection and the life am I,
the resurrection and the life am I.'

Jesus the Lord said, 'I am the life,
the resurrection and the life am I.'