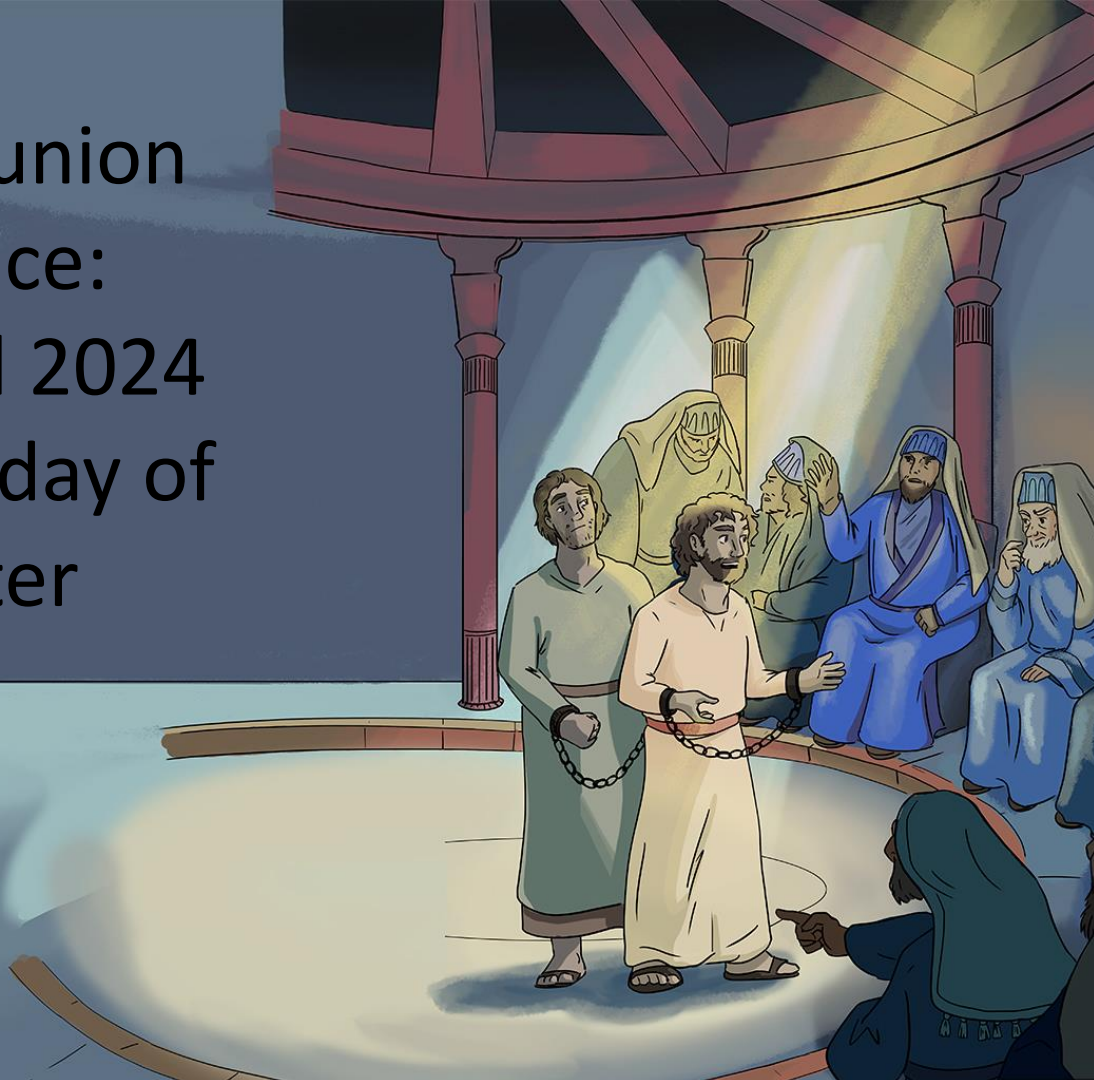




FOLLOWING JESUS

Sharing the journey

Communion
Service:
21 April 2024
4th Sunday of
Easter



Notices

- Community Hub, Mon, 10-2
- Funeral: Jill Askham, Mon, 11, Mulbarton
- Bracon Ash APCM, Tue, 10:30, St Nicholas Church
- Mardlers, Tue, 2-4, Village Hall Social Club
- PCC, Wed, 7:30, Harvest House
- Coffee & Prayer, Thu, 9:15, Harvest House
- Communion Service, Thu, 10:30, Flordon Church
- Wedding: Jo & Harry, Sat, 1pm, Bracon Ash
- Funeral: Phyliss Myhill, Wed 1st May, 11am, Mulbarton Church

Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one
flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Song: The Splendour of the King

The splendour of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the end,
Beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing:
How great is our God.

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.

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Receiving God's Forgiveness

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate
the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Receiving God's Forgiveness

God our Father,

long-suffering, full of grace and truth,

you create us from nothing

and give us life.

**You give your faithful people new life in
the water of baptism.**

You do not turn your face from us,

nor cast us aside.

Receiving God's Forgiveness

**We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.**

**We have wounded your love and
marred your image in us.**

**Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Receiving God's Forgiveness

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

Acts 4:5-22 (NIV)

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?'

Acts 4:5-22 (NIV)

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: ‘Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.”

Acts 4:5-22 (NIV)

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'

¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. ¹⁵ So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together.

Acts 4:5-22 (NIV)

¹⁶ ‘What are we going to do with these men?’ they asked. ‘Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.’

¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, ‘Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!’

Acts 4:5-22 (NIV)

²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.'

²¹ After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. ²² For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

John 10:11-18 (NIV)

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me –

John 10:11-18 (NIV)

¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

Song: The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and
staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

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Song: The King Of Love

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.

I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

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 spreadst 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 forever.

“Power and Influence”



The Profession of Faith:

We say together in faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

The Profession of Faith:

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

The Profession of Faith:

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Song: All I Once Held Dear

All I once held dear,
built my life upon
All this world reveres,
and wars to own
All I once thought gain
I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now,
compared to this

Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord

Now my heart's desire
is to know you more

To be found in you and known as yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness

Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord

Oh, to know the power of your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like you
in your death, my Lord
So with you to live and never die

Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord

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Sharing Journeys:



Our Prayers



Song: Behold The Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,

Slain for us: and we remember:

The promise made

that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this Bread of life,

And we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup
that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

Holy Communion

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.



It is right to praise you,
Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

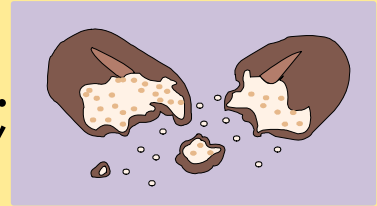
**You embraced us
as your children
and welcomed us
to sit and eat with you.**



In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him
and he in us.

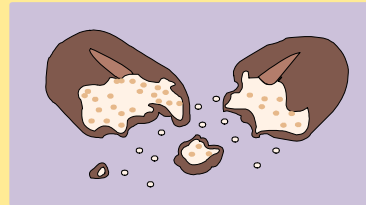
**He opened his arms of love
upon the cross
and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread,
and gave you thanks;
he broke it



and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this
in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**



At the end of supper,
taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.



**Father, we do this
in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**



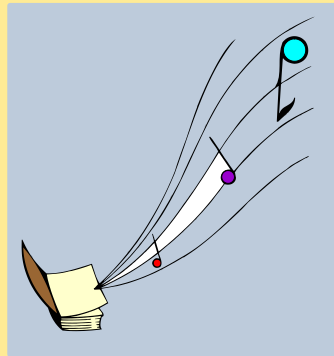
As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood
of your dear Son.



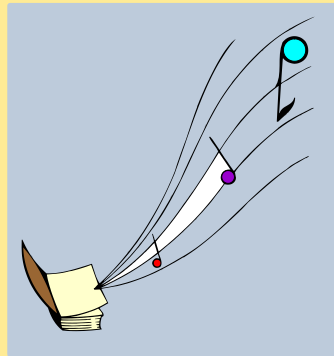
**As we eat and drink
these holy gifts
make us one in Christ,
our risen Lord.**



With your whole Church
throughout the world
we offer you
this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice
to join the eternal song of heaven:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup.

**We proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**



Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.



Song: We Have Come Into His House

We have come into His house
And gathered in His name
To worship Him

(x2)

We have come into His house
And gathered in His name
To worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

So forget about yourself
And concentrate on Him
And worship Him

(x2)

So forget about yourself
And concentrate on Him
And worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

Let us lift up holy hands
And magnify His name
And worship Him

(x2)

Let us lift up holy hands
And magnify His name
And worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

Jesus Be The Centre

Jesus, be the centre
Be my source, be my light
Jesus

Jesus, be the centre
Be my hope, be my song
Jesus

Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, be my vision
Be my path, be my guide
Jesus

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Prayer After Communion

Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen.

Song: Give Thanks To The Lord

Give thanks to the Lord,

Our God and King:

His love endures forever.

For He is good, He is above all things.

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,

His love endures forever.

By the grace of God, we will carry on.

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever.

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Closing Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw *you* to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen *you* in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill *your* hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.
Amen.