

Season of Easter

21st April 2024

Led by Andrew Owens & Helen M Mee

Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship

One: As Winter sleeps and Spring awakens,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: As a seed dies and a shoot is born,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: As Jesus dies and Christ becomes,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: Holy Source who weaves new life,

ALL: We give you thanks and praise!

Hymn: 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

Opening Prayer with movement

ALL: The Source of Life, holds us (hands clasped)

The Guide of living, leads (hands making a cross)

The Spirit of re-birth, transforms us (hands in butterfly)

Holy Three-in-One, we worship you.



Where God grows
By Jan Richardson

Stuart Townend, ©1996 Getty Music.
Reprinted with permission under ONE
LICENSE
#A-740884 & CCLI License 1133487 &

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus' Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form or words which are most worshipful for us...

Source of Life,
Father and Mother of us all:
Creation honours you!
May your Realm of Justice & Joy
Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen

Time for all ages led by Andrew Owens

Hymn: Lord of Life we come to you

Lord of life we come to you
Lord of all our saviour be
Come to bless and to heal
With the light of your love.

In our days of doubt and toil
In our joy and in our pain
Guide our steps in your way
Make us one in your love.

*CH4 782 Catherine Walker, © St. Mungo Music.
Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE
#A-740884 & CCLI License 1133487 & 103516.
All rights reserved.*

Readings read by Linda Harrison

1 John 3:16-24

16We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a sibling in need and yet refuses help? 18Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

23And 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. 24All 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.

John 10:11-18

11“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The 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. 13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I do not 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. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18No 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."

Sermon by Rev'd Helen M Mee

Meditation by Phil Thornton

Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise God all creature here below
Praise God above you heavenly host
Praise Maker, Christ and Holy Ghost.

Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Communion

Gathering:

Hymn: Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of grace
Come to the table of grace
This God's table it's not yours or mine
Come to table of grace.

Words and Music – Barbara Hamm, ©2008 Hope Publishing Company. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740884 & CCLI License 1133487 & 103516. All rights reserved

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession & Sharing

Celebrant: May the God of green pastures be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Beloved, still your hearts before God.

All: We open them to the One who fills them with living water.

Celebrant: Children of God, give thanks for the sake of God's name.

All: Our praise is continually offered to our Heart, our Shepherd, and our Saviour.

Celebrant: With those assembled in this place and time,
with those whose love is shown in their actions,
we gather as your people, singing your praise and our thanksgiving...

All: Holy, holy, holy are you, Good Shepherd of all peoples.

Still waters, green pastures, sparkling stars join all creation in praising you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comforts us. Hosanna in the highest!

Living God, may the hope and love revealed in this bread and wine, nourish and transform our lives and world.

Celebrant: As we would join goodness and mercy in following the Good Shepherd all the days of our lives, we celebrate that mystery we call faith...

All: Christ died, walking through death's valley;

Christ was raised, the Good Shepherd for us all;

Christ will come, to bring all into the one flock of God.

Song: This is the body of Christ CH4 799

Broken that we might be whole.

Words and Music – John Bell, ©1997 Wild Goose Resource Group. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-740884 & CCLI License 1133487 & 103516.

All rights reserved

This cup as promised by God,
True to God's Word,
Cradles our Lord
Food the good of us all.

Peace

Celebrant: Let us sign the Peace to each other...

Closing Response

Celebrant: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.

ALL: We go to share his life and love.

Notices

Hymn: Now let us from this table rise

Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul;
with Christ we die and rise again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the Word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humble pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us grace, Companion-God,
to choose again the pilgrim way
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

CH4 675 Fred Kaan, © 1968 Stainer & Bell Ltd.
Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE
#A-740884 & CCLI License 1133487 & 103516.
All rights reserved.

Blessing

Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 21 st April	11am	AUC & Online	Andrew is leading and Helen Mee is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 21 st April	12 noon	Online	
Carbon Literacy Course	Sun 21 st April	12.45- 3.15pm	AUC	For people who want to understand the climate emergency and to learn what they can do to tackle it. Everyone will be impacted by climate change and everyone is welcome. For more information and to register your interest please email Katrina (katrina.tweedie@augustine.org.uk)
Contextual Bible Study	Weds 24 th April	7.30- 8.30pm	Online	Genesis 4 <i>Cain & Abel</i> Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thurs 25 th April	12 noon - 1pm	Online	Genesis 4 <i>Cain & Abel</i> Email minister@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
AUC Spring Afternoon Tea	Sat 27 th April	2- 3.30pm	AUC (Sanctuary)	A springtime opportunity offering delicious treats, warm drinks and sweet conversation! Please let Rachel know if you are planning to come. 0131 220 1677, centre.manager@augustine.org.uk
Sunday Worship	Sun 28 th April	11am	AUC & Online	Fiona is leading and Eilidh Young is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 28 th April	12 noon	Online	
Carbon Literacy Course	Sun 28 th April	12.45- 3.15pm	AUC	Part 2 of 3 sessions
Our Tribe Coffee Social	Sun 28 th April	1.30pm	Coffee Saints, 2A Little King Street, EH1 3AR	All welcome!

Zoom ID for worship: 84317815003

Zoom ID for all social events: 3140057633

Password: 1861AUC

Zoom Telephone number: 0131 4601196