**Worthing Pastorate (Emmanuel** **URC, St Andrews’ URC & Littlehampton United Church**

**3rd May, 2020**

**Time: 10:30 am.**

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**Call to Worship:**

Let us pray these familiar words,

recognizing in the Risen Christ our Good Shepherd:

**Jesus, you are our shepherd.**

**We shall never want.**

**You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside the still waters.**

**You restore our souls.**

**You guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name’s sake.**

**Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil, for you, Christ, comfort us.**

**Jesus has prepared a table for us in the presence of our foes; Jesus has anointed us with the oil of salvation; our cup runs over!**

**Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of our Holy Saviour forever and ever.  Amen**

 *(Psalm 23)*

**Hymn: To God be thee glory**

**Opening Prayer**:

Incarnate God,

You are the one who comes to us in Jesus Christ.

Holy One,

You are the one who comes to us in the Holy Spirit.

Sovereign of Earth and Heaven,

You are the one who calls us to recognize you today and every day

As the splendid *…..*. Gather our hearts and minds this day.

Kindle our God-consciousness.

Let us worship you in awe and wonder!

…… **Our Father ……. Amen.**

 **Offertory: (*Pray for the gifts offered*)**

**Reading: Acts 2:40-47 *by Geraldine Mooring***

 **Gospel of John ch; 10:1-10 by *Alexander Woo***

**Sermon:** ***The Good Shepherd*** ~ ***The New Church***!

**Prayers of Intercession:**

***Hear our prayers for the church and the community of the world****.*

***All:*** *We pray for the World your People*

Grant that all people may hear together the song of joy,
and find their homes in the garden of justice and hope,
that we may experience the fullness of life, which is your will for all, in the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Hymn : Let us break bread together**

**Communion**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

 We offer you thanks, Creator, Saviour, Giver of Life. From the beginning you have made yourself known: the heavens proclaim your glory and the earth sings your praise. In wisdom you made all that is and you bless us with earth’s fruitfulness. You are merciful and gracious, and abounding in love. Yet from our first days we have disobeyed your will. Long ago you called to yourself a people to shine as light to guide all nations to your presence. You led them to freedom; you revealed to them your Law and taught them through your prophets. Finally, you sent your promised Son, Jesus Christ, who shared our human nature and understood our weakness. Born of Mary, he showed forth your love by word and sign.

Therefore, with all your people in heaven and on earth we sing the triumphant hymn of your glory:

**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**.

He sought the unloved and the lost and welcomed all who came to him; he taught us lessons of forgiveness he brought us healing for our sickness, and showed us how to live according to your will. For this he was rejected, for this he endured grief and sorrow, for this he gave himself up to death upon the Cross. But you broke the power of sin and death and raised him to the heights, that through the blood of his Cross and by the gift of the Holy Spirit everything in earth and heaven might be reconciled to you. [The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said: ‘This is my body which is broken for you. Do this is remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also after supper, saying: ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.]

 *Let us proclaim the mystery of faith***:**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Come, Creator God: renew the face of the earth; come, eternal Saviour: remake us in your likeness; come, Holy Spirit, transform these gifts: that Christ may be known to us in the breaking of the bread and that we may be strengthened to serve him in the world. May we on earth be one with all Christ’s people, and, when all things are complete, and with all your faithful servants in the heavenly places, the homeland which we seek by faith, and where he reigns in glory, with you, Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever*.* **Amen.**

***Breaking the Bread***

The bread which we break is the communion of the

body of Christ.*Taking the bread together*

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion

of the blood of Christ*. Drinking from the cup blessing together.*

**Prayer after Communion:**

**Gracious God, may the love which bids us welcome at this table gather all your children into one, in your eternal presence, whole and free at last. Amen.**

**Notices from churches**

**Hymn:** Lord dismiss us with thy blessings

1.Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;

Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, thy love possessing,

Triumph in redeeming grace.

Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,

Trav’ling thru this wilderness.

2.Thanks we give and adoration

For the gospel’s joyful sound.

May the fruits of thy salvation

In our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful

To the truth may we be found.

*(John Fawcett, 1740–1817*

*Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 1712–177)*

**Benediction**

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