

## COLLECT

Almighty God, who has so ordained life that we should dwell together in families, bound into a strong unit by our love for one another, grant that we may express gratitude for our parents, and especially our mothers. May we honour them as we recall their loyalty and love, their kindness and patience, their sacrifice and perseverance. May You so inspire us that we may fulfil their prayers for us, through Christ our Lord. **Amen!**

## BIBLE READINGS – *The Service of the Word*

Psalm 23 (Page 544)

Ivy Lee

Acts 9:36-43 (Page 1088)

For the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE:**            **“An Exemplary Woman”**            **Krikor Youmshajekian**

**HYMN:**    **599**    **“Take My Life and Let it Be”**

**NOTICES - Lane Cove Music - 10 May 7:30 pm LCM Anglican Church.**  
- **Elders’ & Council Meetings - Wed May 11 12:30 pm.**  
- **Election Day Stall - Sat 21 May 8:00 am to noon, in the War Memorial Hall. Cakes/slices/books and assistance!**

**OFFERING -** *In enthusiasm and hope, in humility and community, in trust and expectation, we make our offering to God.*

**HYMN:**            **“Honour Christian Mothers”**

## THE LORD’S PRAYER and BENECTION

Go forth from this place, as disciples of the risen Christ, to love and serve your neighbour and your God.

Go forth like Peter, Tabitha, and the disciples, to do good and charitable things, and to show others the wonder of our God, which is both Gentle Shepherd and Righteous Lamb. Go in peace and love!

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Sustainer, the Redeemer and Giver of life be with you to show others the wonder of God. **Amen!**

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## Longueville - St. Andrew’s Uniting Church



**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**EASTER 4**

**8 May 2022**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship! Sing your heart's song. Fall down before God's throne. Rest in fields of blessing and hope. Come and worship!

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*We are here, with God's Spirit among us.*

God reveals God's self to us today:

*As the Good Shepherd, giver of rest and comfort;*

As the Holy Lamb, worthy of our eternal praise;

*As the giver of new life, and new hope.*

We are here, with God's Spirit among us.

*We worship you, Holy Trinity.*

*(Rebecca E Garrett, Abingdon 2016)*

## OPENING PRAYER

Holy Lamb and Gentle Shepherd, we are here, the sheep of Your pasture. Lead us in Your ways. We come, from every nation and every language. We come, needing rest and wanting challenge. We come, kneeling in awe and standing in the promise of new life. We come with Peter, with Tabitha, with John, with the Psalmist, and with the heavenly hosts, as we sing to You over and over: "*Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour . . . be to our God forever!*" Bless this time of worship, Beautiful Saviour, and guide us to springs of Your living water. *Amen!*

**HYMN: 233 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"**

## A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus our Lord, we ask for Your forgiveness— for what we have done, but shouldn't have, for what we should have done, but didn't.

*We yearn to hear Your voice, Gentle Shepherd, but listen to our own voices instead.*

We want to care for our sisters and brothers, to comfort them when they hurt, to give what we have to people who have less, but we choose to hoard our resources and time.

*Forgive us, Lord, and help us forgive ourselves too for everything we name before you now . . .*

*(A time of silence)*

*In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Children of God, hear these words of promise: Christ our Shepherd joyfully welcomes us back into the fold of love and freedom, teaching us to know his voice.

*In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we are forgiven.*

In the name of Jesus, the Christ, you are forgiven.

*Praise and thanks to God! Amen.*

## MOTHER'S DAY

Our Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have so planned that we should dwell in homes and families. We are grateful to You for our mothers whose love has sustained family life over the centuries.

*We thank You for motherhood that is a symbol of strength and unselfishness.*

We thank You for all the mothers whose wisdom has guided their children through the developing years of life.

*We thank You for all the mothers whose trust has inspired youth to strive for high ideals, and whose lives have been a signpost pointing them to Christ.*

Grant that we may express our gratitude to our mothers and honour them as we recall their loyalty and love, their kindness and patience, their sacrifice and perseverance.

*Grant that their example may motivate us to love and serve You more, and reach out and touch the lives of our neighbours.*

We pray, that You will bless our mothers today as we honour them, and bless the memory of those who are with You in glory.

*Help us, O Lord, to grow in the love which gave us birth and guided our early steps.*

Help us to bring about a true sense of love in our world beginning with our own homes.

*Inspire us by the example of our mothers' faith that we may build a stronger foundation for our lives.*

*Unite us in Your love, O Lord, and bind us together as You guide us into greater service to You, to our parents, and to others, through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**HYMN: "Faith of Our Mothers"**