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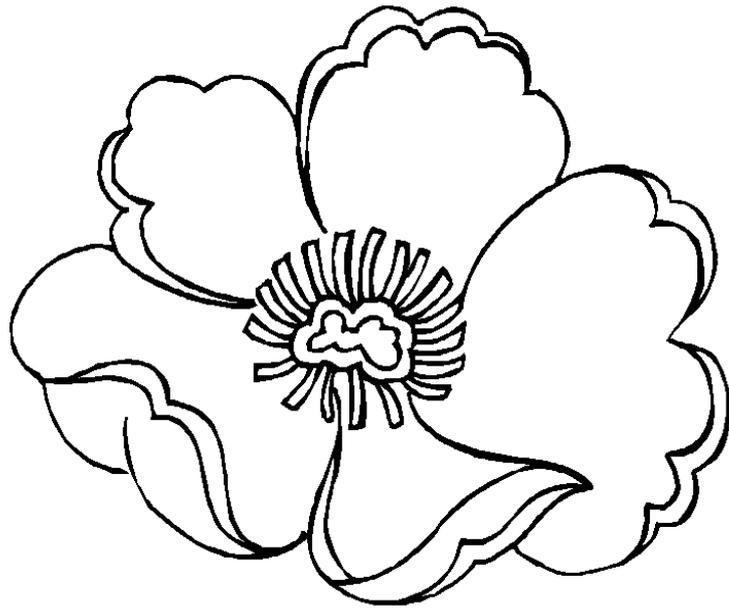
26 April 2015 – 10 am

MORNING WORSHIP

Easter 4 & ANZAC Centenary

Theme: "Jesus, the Good Shepherd,
who lays down His life for His sheep."

Guest Worship Leader and Preacher: Allan Blyth



Lest We
Forget

**ANZAC
DAY**

A decorative graphic of a branch with small, needle-like leaves, positioned to the right of the text 'ANZAC DAY'.

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber (1910 - 1981)

Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy and remain standing for the...

Call to Worship

Greeting

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

St John's Gospel 10:14-16

14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, **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 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.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

..... We worship you as God the giver of our loving shepherd, Jesus Christ, who gave His life even when we were enemies so that we may be friends, but:

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed:
we have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves:
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.**

.... for putting too little effort into making peace,

**forgive us Lord
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

...This is the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 28 *God is our Strength* (Dam Busters March)

Introduction to Centenary ANZAC Commemoration 1915-2015

Placing of Wreath

Ode *All stand*

Leader: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.
Lest we forget

Congregation: **Lest we forget**

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:13*

Last Post

Minutes Silence

Reveille

Prayer for Peace

The Royal Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign!
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

Concerns of the Church

Welcome

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn 111 *Praise to the Lord* (Lobe den Herren)

(verse 3 sung by the choir only)

The Service of the Word

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet: **A light to our path.**

First Reading *Acts 4: 5-12*

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, **6** with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. **7** When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" **8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, **9** if we are questioned today because of a good deed

done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, **10** let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. **11** This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' **12** There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Second Reading

1 John 3: 16-24

16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. **17** How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? **18** Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. **19** And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him **20** whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21** Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; **22** and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. **23** And 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. **24** All 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.

May your word live in us:

And bear much fruit to your glory.

Anthem

Brother James' Air

Music: James Bain (c.1860-1925)

Psalm 23

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.
My soul he doth restore again and
me to walk doth make within the paths of
righteousness even for his own name's sake.
Yes though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet I will feel none ill for thou art with me,
and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.

Sermon *The Good Shepherd*

Hymn 145 *The King of Love* (Dominus regit me)

Offering

Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Prayers of the People

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 for ever. Amen.

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 245 *We have a Gospel to proclaim* (Fulda)

Blessing

... and remain with you always.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Toccata on the Easter hymn 'Lasst uns erfreuen'
Nicholas Choveaux (1904 - 1995)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:10,11

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