



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Earth Day April 22 2018

Greeters: Karen Luyendyk and Sarah Spinks

Readers: Vicki Bassett and George Seibel

Intercessor: Claire Marson **Crucifer / Server:** Bob Bassett

Music director: Wendy Shaw **Organist:** John Black

Accompanist: Matthew Bassett

Invitation to a brief time of silence as we prepare for worship.

GATHERING SONG: *Spirit Song*

OPENING RESPONSES:

HYMN: # 355 *All Creatures of our God ~ Vs 1-4, 7*

Confession / Absolution

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 1-10

A brief time of reflective silence

GRADUAL: *The Lord's My shepherd*

Gospel: John 10:11 - 18

REFLECTION ANTHEM: *All Praise to You*

Affirmation

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation

OFFERTORY HYMN: # 429 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Prayer over the Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Consecration

The Breaking of the Bread

This is the body of Christ

COMMUNION

All are all welcome at the Lord's table.

For hygienic reasons, please refrain from dipping the bread in the wine.

COMMUNION HYMN: # 408 *Wind Upon the Waters*

A brief time of reflective silence

The Peace

The Blessing

Announcements

CLOSING HYMN: # 384 *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Church in the World: We pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) The Most Reverend Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido.

Diocese of Ottawa:

We pray for John, our Bishop, and for Pat, our Priest; Good Shepherd, Barrhaven/The Reverend Stephen Silverthorne; St. George's, Clayton/The Reverend Patricia Blythe; For the Participants and Staff of the Marriage Preparation course being held this Friday and Saturday and, in our Companion Diocese, the Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray for St. George the Martyr Cathedral, Jerusalem; for Church of the Good Shepherd, Salt, Jordan; and for Church of the Good Shepherd, Rafidia, West Bank.

Our Mission Partners:

We pray for Casito Copan – a home away from home for at risk children in Honduras.

Our Local Community:

We pray for the nonprofit corporation, The Hub and, we pray for the people and leaders of this town of Almonte and the surrounding communities that the Lord will help us contribute to its well-being.

In Our Parish: We pray for comfort and healing for Lucy Poaps, Anne Wheatley, Kathy Aird and, Bessie Exley. We pray for our sponsorship family: Assad, Alsit, Lana and Elias. We pray for Callie Lynn McGregor & Rayna Sherida Zammit (great granddaughters of Stan & Connie Mills) who have received the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday. We also pray for the parents and sponsors Matthew & Victoria McGregor and Joseph & Meaghan Zammit and Shaundra Ward.

In **Our Parish Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Ronnie & Laura Ritschell, Sarah Robertson, Austin, Blake, Jamie & Ray, Joan Robinson, and Steve & Lois Rochon.

For the Whole Human Family that we may learn to live together in justice and peace. We pray for refugees and displaced persons, thinking especially of the people seeking refuge from war and persecution and we remember the victims of terrorism around the world. We pray for all those whose lives are impacted by social unrest, disaster & poverty.

Prayer for St. Paul's: Heavenly Father, you have welcomed us into your Kingdom and your heart's desire is to draw every human being to yourself. Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them, sensitive feet to stand in their shoes, and warm smiles to welcome them into your name. Give us generous hearts, that our church becomes a foretaste of heaven where every soul you send us finds their loving home in the community of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.