

# *Living Water Fellowship*

*Worship with Holy Communion*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021*

**ANZAC DAY**

*COME TO JESUS*

**Gathering Song:** In You is Gladness (AT 364)

**Video - Welcome & Prayer:**

*GROW IN HIS GRACE*

**Bible Reading:** John 10:1-10 & 27-30

FAITH CHAT:

**Song:** Give us Hearts to know You Lord (AT 357)

**Bible Reading:** Romans 7:15-25a

**The Message:** *LIFE PULSE: LIFE BEYOND...ADDICTION*

**The Apostle's Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers:**

## The Communion:

*Words of Institution & The 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Worship video during Communion: Sing to Jesus (Robbie Seay)*

*GO IN HIS POWER*

## The Blessings:

**(Name), † child of God,  
the Risen Christ grants you freedom from all bondage!  
Amen.**

## Announcements:

**Song:** In Christ Alone (AT 615)

*SHOW HIS LOVE*

## JOHN 10:1-10 & 27-30

<sup>1</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! <sup>2</sup> But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."

<sup>6</sup> Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, <sup>7</sup> so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, <sup>29</sup> for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

## ROMANS 7:15-25A

<sup>15</sup> I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. <sup>16</sup> But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>18</sup> And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. <sup>19</sup> I want to do what is right, but I can't. <sup>20</sup> But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. <sup>22</sup> I love God's law with all my heart. <sup>23</sup> But there is another power <sup>24</sup> within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

<sup>24</sup> Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? <sup>25</sup> Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read John 10:1-10 & 27-30 & Romans 7:15-25a. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear God say to you as you read it a few times to yourself?
2. Glance quickly back at John 9, Jesus' healing of a man born blind. How did the Pharisees reveal themselves here as false shepherds?
3. What is the evidence that identifies the true shepherd? What else reveals the sheep-shepherd relationship? What does it mean that the sheep recognize his voice? What does it mean that he calls them by name?
4. How do you see the thief kill, steal, & destroy the lives of people you know? When you see this happening, how can you respond? How do you distinguish between the "abundant/full" life Jesus offers & the damaged/dead life of "the thief"?
5. How are Jesus' sheep different from those who do not follow him according to verses 27-30? How do you live out the assurance & certainty of verses 28-29? How do you communicate that with people you know?
6. What is added by Jesus' declaration in verse 30? What does that mean?
7. What was the difference between Paul's respected life as a Roman citizen & a Pharisee versus his new life with Christ? Why then does Paul feel the great struggle against sin? Do you share that struggle, or have you raised the flag of surrender?
8. Describe the "war" Paul mentions in verses 21-23? Why do you think confession has always been an important part of worship in the Christian tradition?
9. How should you respond when you experience the internal "war" between your good intentions & the reality of your sinful actions? How does verse 25 offer help & hope?