

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

April 25, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude on *Brother James's Air* - arr. by William Held (2014-2015)

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.

*Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

*Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Glory to God (Gloria)

Hymnal # S-278

*The Collect of The Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 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, 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. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle Reading**1 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 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?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading*John 10:11-18**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to .

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

***The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***The Prayers of the People**

The Good Shepherd gave his life so that we could live with him forever. In this joy we offer our prayers, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

+ That we may contemplate upon the great mysteries of faith; Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again; and move more deeply into God's profound desire for eternal fellowship with all humanity; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ That our actions toward our neighbors, whether poor or rich, or undeserving, may reflect God's commandment of love; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ In thanksgiving for lay leaders in our churches who give sacrificially of time and talent so that the Church may be a true fellowship of believers; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and DeDe, Bishop of this diocese, that their exercise of apostolic leadership may reflect the leadership of the Shepherd; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For those who are ill, that they may find relief from their suffering, and for those whose medical and social skills assist in the work of healing, that they may have patience and wisdom; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For those who have departed this life in the faith and fear of the Lord, that they may join the company of the saints in light; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ In thanksgiving for those who till the soil, harvest the crops, tend farm animals, and join the long chain of workers by whose hands we are fed; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Let us continue our prayers to the Good Shepherd, the Risen One, by whose resurrection we have been gathered into the sheepfold of faith.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Theodore	Carol	Jean	Michele	Suzy
Dhara	Kathryn	James	James	Paul
Lorraine	Kathleen	Laura	Jay	Skip
Loraine	Wes	Martha	Terry	Hattye
Edith	Susan	John	Alan	
Lucy	Joan	Mary	Sara	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week.

Virginia Mansfield-Richardson, Jeff Bowen, Kang Meng, Otto Sanaker

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,*

*have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

***The Peace**

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

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

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

*The Great Thanksgiving

Expanded Language Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Hymnal # S-130

Holy and gracious God:

In your infinite love you made us for yourself;

And when we had fallen into sin

And became subject to evil and death,

you, in your mercy,

Sent Jesus Christ,

Your only and eternal Son,

To share our human nature,

To live and die as one of us,

To reconcile us to you,

The God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross,

And offered himself, in obedience to your will,

A perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,

Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread;

And when he had given thanks to you,

He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;

And when he had given thanks,

He gave it to them, and said

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the New Covenant,

Which is shed for you and for many

For the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God,
In this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension,
We offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
To be for your people
The Body and Blood of your Son,
The holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also
That we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,
And serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;
And at the last day, bring us with
All your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior.
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
Now and forever.

Amen.

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal # S-164

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table. During the covid-19 pandemic, and in accordance with diocesan guidelines, Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle, to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude on *Sicilian Mariners* arr. by Alfred V. Fedak, 1989

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Liturgical Ministers Dale Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Lisa Tatusko

This morning we would like to join Sue Dale-Hall and Lloyd Hall in celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary!

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)


SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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Coffee Hour, today at 11:30 on zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91221585167>

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