



Mobile, Alabama
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Ten o'clock in the morning

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in the Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, unless otherwise noted. Service music not otherwise credited is composed by Christopher W. Powell.

Prelude

Irish Carol

Anna Laura Page
(b. 1943)

Welcome

Introit

Shepherd of Israel
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
Thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

Psalm 80:1

The Word of God

Easter Proclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Opening Hymn

My shepherd will supply my need

Resignation
Hymnal 664

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain v. 1

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 225

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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 Lessons

First Reading *Acts 2:42-47*

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

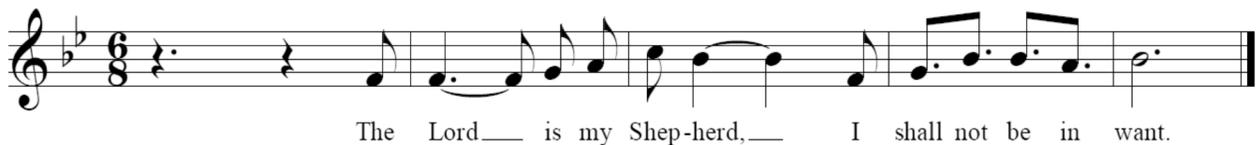
Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

Please sing refrain when indicated.

BCP 612

Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.



- 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. **Refrain***
- 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. **Refrain***

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes
Hymnal 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock
with mana in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine, thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

**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.
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.
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 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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People - Form IV

BCP 388

The leader and people pray responsively.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Communion in Japan.

In the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we remember St. Monica's Episcopal Church, Cantonment.

In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka; and Union Baptist Church, Mobile.

We pray also for Michael, our presiding bishop; Russell our Bishop; Beverly, our priest; Lydia and Mike, our Interns; and for all ministers in the church.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for Donald, our president; Kay, our governor; Sandy, our Mayor; and for all those who lead and hold authority in the nations of our world.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Virginia Hamilton Behlen and Jarrod Lance Lucas

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

In the parish Cycle of Prayer, we remember those on the Cathedral Prayer list. Today, we pray especially for Patti Biel, Happy Henson, Virginia Wilkins, Alec Armbricht, Megan Drane, Marolyn Kruse, Lara Sherer, Chuck McKay, Beth Schramm, Jane White-Spunner, Lucky White-Spunner, Jessie Koger, Mike Gibson, Leroy Roberson, Bradley Forster, Bill Stafford, Ed Stephens, Donna Moree, Gaye Formanek, Mimi Hudson, Bill Christian, Frances Fuller, Anne Gaillard, Fr. Dennis Brown and all others on the Cathedral Prayer List.

In the Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Santa Rosa Correctional Institution, De Funiak Springs.

We also remember in our prayers those who are serving in the armed forces of our country, and most especially for those on the Cathedral Military Prayer List.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Today we pray for the repose of the souls of Helen Skipper and Manuel Simmons.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

**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.**

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

Solo

Sheep may safely graze

Mollie A. Adams, soprano

J. S. Bach

(1685-1750)

Sheep may safely graze for ever,
when their shepherd guards them well.
With the food of life he feeds them;
to the fold he gently leads them,
where securely they may dwell.

adapt. Neil Jenkins, 1997

The Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

St. Alphonsus de Liguori

(1696-1787)

Blessing

Closing Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

Hymnal 645

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Dismissal

Postlude

Trumpet Finale

Tommaso Albinoni

(1671-1751)



MINISTERS FOR TODAY

Celebrant.....The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson
Lay Reader.....Carolyn S. Jeffers
OrganistChristopher W. Powell
Soloist.....Mollie A. Adams
Altar Guild.....Barbara Archer
Flower Guild.....Robbie Lynn Irvine



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