

Fourth Sunday of Easter Service
Rite II
10:30 am

The Word of God

Prelude-*Adagio*- Mendelssohn

Wendi Gustafson- Organ

Opening Hymn- *All people that on earth do dwell (v. 1,2,&4)*

Hymnal 377

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
*5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP p. 355

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

Officiant 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.

Gloria

Hymnal S204 - BCP p. 324

1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks

to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,

with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.



Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

All are seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47)

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.**

The Psalm Appointed

Reader The portion of the Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 23 on page 476 in the BCP. Let us read in unison.

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

he leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

And guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

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

A reading from the first letter of Peter (2:19-25)

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.**

Response -*Christ our Passover: Pascha Nostrum*

Hymnal S16 - BCP p. 46

The Congregation sings the Antiphon, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Antiphon

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. Christ our Passover is sac-ri-ficed for us, therefore let us keep the feast,

2. Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of mal-ice and wick-ed-ness,

but with the unleavened bread of sin-cer-i-ty and truth. [Ant.] 3. Christ be-ing

raised from the dead di-eth no more; death hath no more do-min-ion o-ver him.

4. For in that he died, he died un-to sin once; but in that he liveth, he liv-eth un-to God.

5. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead in-deed un-to sin,



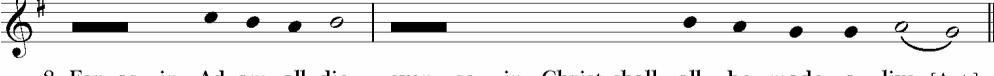
 but alive unto God through Je - sus Christ our Lord. [Ant.] 6. Christ is ris - en



 from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. 7. For since by



 man came death, by man came also the resur - rec - tion of the dead.



 8. For as in Ad - am all die, even so in Christ shall all be made a - live. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be added)



 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:



 As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]



All stand

The Gospel

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:1-10).

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."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Fr. Robert Certain

Nicene Creed

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All stand.

***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 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 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.*

After the Creed: You may sit, kneel, or remain standing for the Prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

***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

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Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, especially for all members of St Alban's, Harlingen and St. Philip's, Uvalde. For all the bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; David, our Bishop;

Robert, our Interim Rector; our vestry, search committee, and staff. 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.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader Guide the people of this land, and all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Especially Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; and Don our Mayor, for the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader 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, especially for Habitat for Humanity and its work in our community.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader 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.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for our families, friends, and neighbors; especially for all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus, Liz Hamlet and family, Susan Neuman, Ardith Perry, Penny Sengler, Ellen Wundt, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris. For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially: Ann Benham, Audrey Herron, Betty Rainey, Judy McClendon, Patsy Creager, Ruth Burges, Karen Cook, and Rose Foegelle. give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader 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.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Officiant Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Travel Prayers

Birthdays

Officiant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Geri Donegan, Lou Dagel, and Ashley Ingersoll as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries

Officiant and People

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, David & Kelly Olson and Mike & Debbie Pezzuto, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Travel

Officiant and People

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory Anthem-My Shepherd will supply my need

Soloist- Leo Garcia

Officiant and People

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Priest may bless the people.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Closing Hymn- *Savior like a shepherd lead us*

Hymnal 708

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Dismissal

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Celebrant

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude-*Trumpet Tune*— Henry Purcell

Wendi Gustafson- Organ

Ministers in the Lord's Service

Officiant- Fr. Robert Certain

Lay Reader- Lauren Smith

Musicians- Leo Garcia, Choir Director/Cantor

Wendi Gustafson, Music Director/Organ

Cameramen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle

