



CHURCH



## Easter IV

May 3, 2020

Hymn 494

Officiant        If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

### The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant        Lord, open our lips.  
People            *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

Christ our Passover    *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

*Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,*

*Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.*

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.*

*The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.*

*So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

*For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.*

*For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

## **The Psalm Appointed**

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

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.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

## **The Lessons**

### **1 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.

Here ends the Reading.

*The Canticle is prayed aloud together*

18 A Song to the Lamb Dignus es Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

*Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,*

*Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia!*

### **John 10:1-10**

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."

Here ends the reading.

### **Homily**

Hymn 664

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together,*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

Officiant      The Lord be with you.  
People          *And also with you.*  
Officiant      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. *And grant us your salvation.*  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. *Let your people sing with joy.*  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. *Your saving health among all nations.*  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

We pray especially this day for those who are sick or suffering: Maria, Zoma, Clint, Peter, Kevin, Kerri, Rich, Janet, Nancy, Frank, George, Caroline, and all whom we mention now either silently or aloud.

We commend to you all who have died especially all whom we mention now either silently or aloud.

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

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.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Hymn 70 LEVAS

Choir Solo

## **The General Thanksgiving**

### *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.

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to  
generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21

Hymn 645

## Announcements

In this time where many are alone and others have less or no employment, let us all remember to check in with our neighbors and charitable organizations to be available however we can. Please remember the clergy discretionary fund as a way St. Mark's can help those in need. If you have an idea for an initiative to help our community, please inform Rev. Brian so we might organize together and do the most good.

The vestry has been meeting weekly via Zoom to stay connected and work on the many challenges for St. Mark's. Please keep the vestry in your prayers and don't hesitate to contact your vestry representative to offer a hand or let us know if you have a need.

Drive in church will continue. Please be sure to check Facebook or call a friend who can before driving to church to make sure it hasn't been canceled due to weather.

We have a new way to donate to St. Mark's. Please visit our web site and see about signing up for online giving, and tell a friend!

