

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

*Open hearts, open minds, open doors*

Ten O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, April 30, 2023

THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



**PRELUDE**

*“O, Lamb of God, pure, spotless”*

BWV 618, J.S. BACH

## **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 208**

*“The strife is o’er”*

*Victory*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

BCP p. 355

**A**LMIGHTY 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.**

**HYMN 417, v.1,3,5**

*“This is the Feast of Victory of our God”*

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. <i>(Refrain)</i>	3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. <i>(Refrain)</i>	5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia! <i>(Refrain)</i>
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**THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

BCP p. 224

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you. Let us pray. *(In unison)*

*O God, whose blessed 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 People are seated.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**THE FIRST LESSON** A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:42-47

**T**hose who had been baptized 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

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<sup>1</sup>God is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>God makes me lie down in green pastures, and leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>God restores my soul, and leads me in right paths for the sake of God's name.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of God my whole life long. ℟

**Refrain: God restores my soul and leads me in right paths.**

**THE SECOND LESSON:** A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

I 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.**

*The People stand*

## GRADUAL HYMN 204, V 1, 2

*"Now the green blade riseth"*

*Noel Novelette*

1 Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid Him, Love whom hate had slain,  
Thinking that never He would wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

*Gospeler:* Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, "All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

**People: Alleluia!**

*Gospeler:* 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."

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

*The People are seated.*

SERMON

The Rev'd Gary K. Sturni, D.Min.

*After the sermon, the People stand.*

THE NICENE CREED

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

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

*Deacon:* Let us offer our prayer for the church and for the world, saying Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the Church and for all Christian leaders: that they may be true shepherds to their flocks, supporting the weak, guiding the wayward, and encouraging the steady. For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Laura and Jeffrey our Bishop. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who hold positions of public trust and leadership, for the leaders of the nations, that they themselves may be led by God's Spirit to make wise decisions and help create a humane and caring world. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

On the civic calendar, we pray today especially for all who teach and are on the staffs of public and private schools, *especially* .... that they may have patience, diligence and creativity for the tasks of shaping of young minds and hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For every member of our congregation, that we may be shepherds for each other, and carry the Gospel to the far corners of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For the lost, for those not knowing where to find the Bread of Life, for those who search for Living Water; for those who wander in loneliness without a Shepherd, that they may hear the voice of Jesus, and follow him in faith and trust. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those orphaned through loss of parents through violence, sickness and death, especially children at risk in Africa and in all the disadvantaged nations of the world, and in our own country. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For .... (*other intercessions and thanksgivings may be added here*) Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are suffering in mind and body, and find themselves in the valley of despair. We remember especially ..... May they remember that Jesus lives with them at the heart of their darkness and their sufferings. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have died, that they may enjoy eternal life in the glory of God's kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.** *Concluding Collect*

**O** God, our companion on the way, you walk behind, beside, beyond; you catch us unaware. Break through the disillusionment and despair clouding our vision, that, with wide-eyed wonder, we may find our way and journey on as messengers of your good news. **AMEN.**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant:* The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*The People stand.*

**THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

*All who are baptized in any branch of Christ's Church are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a Blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about Baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 664**

*"My Shepherd will supply my need"*

*Resignation*

**PRAYER AT THE OFFERTORY** (*Celebrant*)

**L**ord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise. As we are fed with the bread of heaven, may we know the glory of your resurrection, through Christ our risen Lord. **AMEN.**

*The People may stand or kneel*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

**I**T IS right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And now we give you thanks because through him you have given us eternal life, and delivered us from the bondage of sin and the fear of death into the glorious liberty of the Children of God. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S-113

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.**

**Blessed is he ✠ that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

**W**e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. ✠

**O**n the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,,

**O**ur Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, ...  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

**We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

**W**e pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts ✠ that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, ✠ that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

**I**n the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

*By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.*

*And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HYMN AT HOLY COMMUNION 645

*“The King of love my shepherd is”*

*St. Columba*

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.

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.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

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

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

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

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

*The People stand.*

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Let us pray. *(in unison)*

**E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of  
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the  
Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and  
grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of  
heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT** *(Celebrant)*

**PASCHAL BENEDICTION**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

**T**he God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, .... and the  
Blessing ✠ .... AMEN.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 391**

*“Before the Lord's eternal throne”*

*Winchester Newr*

**DISMISSAL** *Subdeacon:* He is not here. He is risen. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia,  
alleluia.

**People:** In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE:

*“Lamb of God our savior”*

BWV 619, J.S. BACH

**Thank you to our Sunday Ministers.**

**April 30, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Rite I, 8am  
Altar Guild: G. Morrow  
Usher: S. Gagnon  
Eucharistic Minister: D. Sykes  
Reader: D. Sykes  
Prayers of the People: S. Gagnon  
Videographer: J. Morrow

Rite II, 10am  
Altar Guild - John Doiron  
Usher - Art Engler  
Eucharistic Minister - Laurie Gypson  
Reader & Intercessor - Mark Healey  
Videographer - Madison Day  
Coffee Hour - Madison Day

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