

# The Order of Service: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

**Prelude** *Prelude on "Morecambe"*

Craig A. Penfield  
Dr. Gukhui Han

## Opening Acclamation *(people unmuted)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

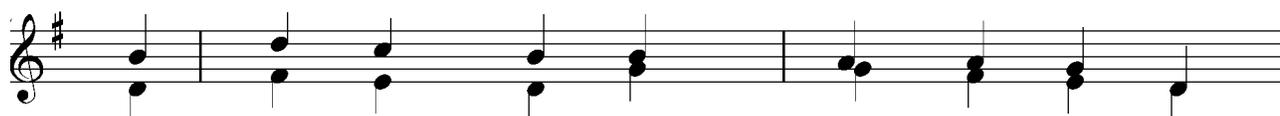
## Collect for Purity

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.**

## Hymn *The King of love my shepherd is*

*Dominus regit me*

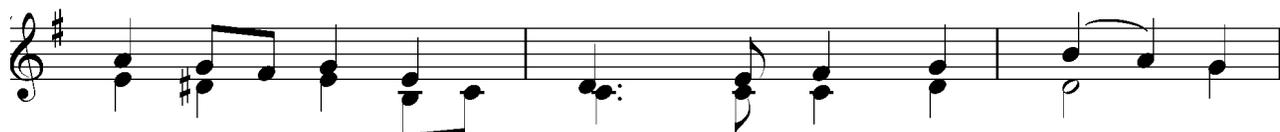
*(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
\* 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but



1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant  
3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.  
2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.

**Collect of the Day** *(people muted)*

*Celebrant* God 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.**

**A Reading** *Acts 4:5-12 (people muted)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Video** – *The Psalm 23*

Bobby McFerrin

Pacific Chorale featuring several members of our St. Luke's Family

**A Reading** *1 John 3:16-24 (people muted)*

A reading from the First Epistle of John.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Total Praise*

Richard Smallwood arr. Patrick Barrett & Doreen Rao

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,  
Knowing my help is coming from You.  
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength,  
You are the strength of my life,  
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

**The Gospel** *John 10:11-18 (people muted)*

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

*People* **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 Sermon** *(people muted)*

*Silence follows the sermon.*

The Rev. Jane Gould

**Music** *Air on the G String*

J.S.Bach

George Bullock (Cello) & Dr. Gukhui Han (Piano)

**Affirmation of Faith** *(people muted)*

**We believe in God  
who is never confined to our imagining,  
is never in bondage to our understanding  
and never kept within our dwelling places.**

**Our God is the mystery  
of divine and human, bound together,  
of power and vulnerability,  
of crucifixion and resurrection.**

**Our God is the wonder  
of truth and compassion,  
of liberation and responsibility,  
of eternal wisdom and amazing grace.**

**We celebrate this God  
who leaps free of all our boundaries in love,  
stretching out beyond any barricades  
and in mercy bending deep  
into fragile human hearts.**

*(Source: Celtic Daily Prayer, Vol. 2 in the Celtic Communion service)*

**Anthem** *Come to me*

L.V. Beethoven arr. Alexander Aslanoff  
Becky Hasquet, Soloist

Come to me, come to me, all ye that need rest.  
Take my yoke, take my yoke upon you and learn  
of me. All ye that labor, all ye that are heavy-  
laden: I will give you rest. I am meek, I am  
meek, I am lowly, lowly in heart.  
For I am meek in heart.

Come to me, come to me all ye that need rest.  
Come to me, Come to me to find rest unto your  
souls. My yoke is easy, my burden light, my  
yoke is easy and my burden is light. O, come to  
me all ye, to find rest. Come to me.  
Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

*(people muted; please hold down your space bar for the response: **Peace be with them.**)*

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader* Risen Lord, you greeted all you met with a word of peace; give us your Spirit to pray  
for peace for all people.

For those infected with the novel Corona Virus, and for the medical professionals caring for them:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those who have lost their jobs or have closed their businesses, and for those working in service  
jobs, public safety, and healthcare under often unsafe conditions:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those suffering from anxiety and loneliness due to physical distancing:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those who work at the centers of power and those who live on the margins:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those overcome by war, violence, and degradation:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those possessed by envy, rage, and hatred:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those overwhelmed by stress, isolation, fear, illness, loss, and despair:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those who desecrate the earth and those who cherish creation:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those held down by sin and those lifted up by grace:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those who have betrayed our trust and for those we have wronged:  
**Peace be with them.**

For our friends and all who warm us with love:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those who show God's love by caring for God's people and all creation:  
**Peace be with them.**

For those who have died, especially ...  
**Peace be with them.**

For those whose joys and concerns we now raise up in prayer and thanksgiving.

*(please unmute yourself to add your prayers and thanksgivings at this time)*

For those we have named aloud and those we hold in our hearts:

**Peace be with them.**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

### **Offertory Anthem** *The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well*

K. Lee Scott

The Lord my Shepherd guards me well, and all my wants are fed:  
Amid green pastures made to lie, beside still waters led.  
My careworn soul grows strong and whole when God’s true path I tread.

Though I should walk in darkest ways through valleys like the grave,  
No evil shall I ever fear; your presence makes me brave.  
On my behalf your rod and staff assure me you will save.

For me a table has been spread where all my foes can see;  
You bathe my head with fragrant oil to soothe and comfort me.  
My heart and cup are both filled up with joyful ecstasy.

Your steadfast love will follow me to shield me all my days  
And bring me to your holy house, redeemed from error’s ways,  
My whole life long to join the song of those who sing God’s praise.

### **The Great Thanksgiving** *(Eucharistic Prayer A)*

*Celebrant* God 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and people unmuted:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become 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 Father of all.

He 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and people unmuted:*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

**Lord's Prayer** (*Please unmute and join in praying together*)

**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.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Drive-by Communion will be offered in the 7th & Linden parking lot from 11:30 until noon TODAY!*

**Video** *At the table*

Work of the People

**Anthem** *God, Our Ever Faithful Shepherd*

J.S. Bach arr. K. Lee Scott  
Becky Hasquet, Soloist

God, our ever faithful shepherd,  
Watches o'er us from above.

By his grace he ever spares us;  
In his arms he gently bears us still.

When our paths lie steep and narrow,  
Should we faint in grief and sorrow,  
God will never leave our care.

### **Special prayers, celebrations, and birthdays**

#### **Blessing of the People**

May God, who has named you,  
bless you, reminding you who you are:  
a beloved child of God.

May Jesus, who walks with us,  
bless us, calling us from fear to peace.

May the Spirit, who energizes all creation,  
bless us, opening us to possibilities of new life. **Amen.**

#### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude** *Wayfaring Stranger (Homage to George Gershwin)*

Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Lyndell Leatherman  
Dr. Gukhui Han