

The Order of Service: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

Prelude *Savior, like a Shepherd lead us*

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Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano

Opening Acclamation *(people unmuted)*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant Kindle in our hearts, O God, Christ's flame of love that never ceases, that it may burn in us, giving light to others. May we shine forever in your temple, set on fire with your eternal light, even your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. *(St. Columba)*

Hymn *The King of love my shepherd is*

St. Columba

(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



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.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Collect for Purity (*people muted*)

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.**

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 2:42-47* (*people muted*)

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.

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

Psalm 23

The cantor will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

Robert Buckley Farlee
Malek Sammour, Cantor

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The LORD is my shep-herd, I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways
for your name's sake, for your name's sake.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

REFRAIN

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

REFRAIN

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my hear with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever, forever, forever.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

REFRAIN

A Reading *1 Peter 2:19-25 (people muted)*

A reading from First 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.

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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,
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,
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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,
My heart and cup are both filled up with joyful ecstasy.

Your steadfast love will follow e 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,
My whole life long to join the song of those who sing God's praise.

The Gospel *John 10:1-10 (people muted)*

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."

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

Anthem *Loving Shepherd of thy sheep*

Philip Ledger

Loving shepherd of thy sheep,
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand,
None can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee everyday,
Gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above,
Happy in thy precious love.

Loving shepherd, ever near,
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go walking in thy
steps below, I would go in thy steps below till
before my Father's throne I shall know, I shall
know, As I am known.

The Sermon (*people muted*)
Silence follows the sermon.

The Rev. Jane Gould

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 welling places.**

**Our God is 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 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 *Me and God*

Josh Turner
Malek Sammour, voice and guitar

There is nothing that can't be done by me and God
There's nobody that can come between me and God
One day we'll live together where the angels trod, me and God
Early in the morning talking it over, me and God
Late at night talking it over, me and God
You could say we're like two peas in a pod, me and God
He's my Father, He's my friend
The beginning and the end
He rules the World with a staff and rod
We're a team, me and God
I am weak and He is strong, me and God
He forgives me when I'm wrong, me and God
He's the one I lean on when life gets hard, me and God
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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: Sam Schumaker, Donald Kennedy, Virginia Carson Young
Peace be with them.

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

(please hold down your space bar to unmute yourself and add your prayers and thanksgivings)

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.**

Lord's Prayer (*people unmuted*)

**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.**

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Blessing of the People

May the Creator bless you and keep you;
May the Beloved Compassion face you and have mercy upon you;
May eternal Spirit's countenance be turned to you and give you peace;
This day and always. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Postlude *He is exalted*

arr. Lloyd Larson
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano