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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I
APRIL 25, 2021 • 10:30 AM



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

THE PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE INTROIT

Hear de Lambs a-Cryin'

arr. Paul Carey

Matt Campbell, *tenor*; Esther Spade, *soprano*

You hear de lambs a-cryin', hear de lambs a-cryin',
Hear de lambs a-cryin', O Shepherd, feed-a my sheep.

My Savior spoke dese words so sweet, O Shepherd, feed-a my sheep.
Saint Peter if you love me feed my sheep. O Shepherd, feed-a my sheep.

O my Lord, I love thee, thou dost know. O Shepherd, feed-a my sheep.
O give me grace to love thee more. O Shepherd, feed-a my sheep.

Traditional American Spiritual, arranged by Paul Carey.
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THE WORD OF GOD

The people are invited to stand and sing the opening hymn.

THE OPENING HYMN 426

He Leadeth Me

Aughton

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me! He leadeth me! By his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. *Refrain*

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. *Refrain*

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain*

Text: Joseph Henry Gilmore (1934-1918)
Music: William Bradbury (1816-1868)

THE OPENING SENTENCES

All remain standing as the officiant begins the service with the opening sentences found on page 38 of the Book of Common Prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneeling, officiant and people together

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All standing, the officiant says

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

All remain standing and sing the canticle.

Christ our Passover is sacrific|ed for us,
 therefore | let us keep the feast,
 Not with old leaven,
 neither with the leaven of | malice • and wickedness,
 but with the unleavened bread of sin|cerity and truth.
 Christ being raised from the dead | dieth • no more;
 death hath no more do|minion over him.
 For in that he died, he died unto | **sin** once;
 but in that he liveth, he | liveth unto God.
 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead in|deed unto sin,
 but alive unto God through | Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Christ is risen | from the dead,
 and become the | firstfruits • of | them that slept.
 For since by | man came death,
 by man came also the resur|rection of the dead.
 For as in Adam | **all** die,
 even so in Christ shall | all be made alive.
 Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,
 and | to the Holy Ghost:
 As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be,
 world without | **end. A-men.**

PSALM 23

All remain standing and read the psalm responsively by whole verse.

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
 I shall not want.
²***He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.***
³He restoreth my soul;
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
⁴***Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
 for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.***
⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
⁶***Surely 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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

The people are seated for the reading of God's word.

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:1-16

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?’ ³You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. ⁴You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. ⁵So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. ⁶My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. ⁷Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, ⁹therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them. ¹¹For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹²As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and

there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing the canticle.

CANTICLE

Lord, for the Years

Lord of the Years

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way;
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided, Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze;
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us, Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
For young and old, for this and every nation, Lord of the land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him, Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us; self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
Past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926). Music: Bishop Michael Braughen (b. 1930)

The people are seated for the reading of God's word.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 10:11-16

¹¹ Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing the sermon hymn.

THE SERMON HYMN 247

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

Sicilian Mariners

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us learn Thy will;
Do thou, Lord, our only Saviour, with Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Text: From *Hymns for the Young*, 1836, alt. by Dorothy Ann Thrupp (1979-1847)

Music: Sicilian Melody, pub. 1794

THE SERMON

Shepherds and God's Sheep

The Rev. Justin C. Hare

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All standing, officiant and people say

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All kneeling, officiant and people pray

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 SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; ***and grant us thy salvation.***
Endue thy ministers with righteousness; ***and make thy chosen people joyful.***
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; ***for only in thee can we live in safety.***
Lord, keep this nation under thy care; ***and guide us in the way of justice and truth.***
Let thy way be known upon earth; ***thy saving health among all nations.***
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; ***nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***
Create in us clean hearts, O God; ***and sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Almighty and ever-living God, in your holy Word you have taught us to offer prayers and requests, and to give thanks for all whom you have made. Grant that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For Foley, our Archbishop; for Mark, our Bishop; for our clergy; for our diocese; and for this parish, that all may hunger for truth, may thirst for righteousness and be filled with your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the President of the United States and for those in positions of public trust, that they may govern wisely, and striving for the welfare and peace of the whole world, may bring a spirit of respect and forbearance among all nations and peoples. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Mend whatever is broken by human sin; in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Grant to all who seek your guidance, knowledge of your will; and to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed, comfort from your tender care. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; give them courage; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Surround with kindness those who are bereaved. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Oh most loving Father, take from us all that hinders your access to our hearts. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may love one another as you love us. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

A COLLECT IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY (1928 Book of Common Prayer)

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL OFFERING

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. V. Thomson (1896-1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
Oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Tune: *Resignation*, Southern folk hymn, this arr. Virgil Thomson (1896-1989).
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All stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN

Vigiles et Sancti

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

All kneel. After the closing prayers and blessing, all stand and sing the closing hymn.

THE CLOSING HYMN 345

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 forever.

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

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

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.

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

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

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23
Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

March Maestoso

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)



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