



## ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter ❖ May 3, 2020

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Liturgy for Worship ❖ 10:00 a.m.\*

**Hymn 645**    The King of love my shepherd is *St. Columba*

*Officiant*    Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*The Officiant may say*

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.*

*Officiant*    The Lord be with you.

**People**        **And also with you.**

*Officiant*    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.**

**The Epistle**    **1 Peter 2:19-25**

*Reader*        A reading from the First Letter of 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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23**

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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.**

### The Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Homily** The Rev. David H. May

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader* In this holy season of the Resurrection of Jesus who will never leave us alone or comfortless, give us the eyes of faith that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; and with all our hearts say,

*People* **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

*Leader* We hold before God those for whom life is very difficult right now:

*(Silence.)*

*Leader* We hold before God all those who are sick or suffering especially during this worldwide outbreak of illness, that each may know the comfort of your loving, healing Spirit.

*People* **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

*Leader* We hold before God all doctors and nurses, nursing assistants and all care-givers, all public health officials and those whose wisdom is needed to guide us towards renewed health and life.

*People* **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

*Leader* We hold before God all those who may be especially vulnerable and who may be lost or forgotten, that the Spirit of the Good Shepherd may be alive among your people and bring them home.

*People* **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

*Leader* We hold before God all those who hold the public trust as our elected representative and leaders, that you would endue them with your wisdom and love, for the benefit of the whole human family and for your glory.

*People* **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

*Leader* We hold before God this parish family and the mission of your Church throughout the world, that you would knit us together in the powerful bonds of your love that draw your Kingdom near.

*People* **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

*Leader* We hold before God those who are disappointed in something which they had hoped for very much, and for those who are sad because someone they loved has died.

*People* **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

*Leader* We hold before our loving God, our Shepherd who supplies our every need, our grateful hearts in thanksgiving for the unexpected joys of this life, for the gifts of human kindness we see every day, and for new life.

*People* **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

*Leader* O God who raised your blessed Son from the tomb of death and has made the whole creation new, grant that we may hear his voice and lead us, even now, from death to life, for his tender mercy's sake.

*People* **Amen.**

*Leader* These and all our prayers we offer as we pray together,

*Leader and People*

**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.**

## **Confession of Sin**

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*Leader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **The Blessing**

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessings of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**



*Here is a collect that you may find speaks for your heart in this time of uncertainty, and is food for your soul.*

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

*--The Book of Common Prayer, page 461*



### **Participants in this morning's service**

**Preacher:** David H. May; **Officiant:** Eleanor Wellford; **Lay Readers:** Betsy Rawles and Pierce Atwill; **Intercessor:** Al Rider; **Musicians:** Maria and Theresa Carpinelli, Alexei Staruk, Charlie van Oord, and Katharine and Ryan Tibbetts, *Organist and Choirmaster*



### **The Parish Prayer List**

Lacy Slabaugh Abbott, Jane Anderson, Bill Ashey, Agnes Atwill, Maggie Bassett, Charles Bryan, Barbro Caperton, Elizabeth Cary, Bill Collins, Nick Costas, Kendall Cray, Elaine Crisskus and family, Ann Robertson Davis, Betty Dixon, Stacy Dove, Melissa Evans, Ralph Fisher, Kristine Fitzgerald, Jim Frye, Laura Gilliam, Gordon Graham, Howen Greeley, Frank Grier, Bettsy Heggie, Lolly Hetherington, Cindy and Dave Horowitz, Donna Marie Joy, Betty and Clyde Lamond, Terry Lardizabel, Katherine Mezger, George Moncure, Dover Moore, Harry Moore, Wende Patton, Alex Peavey, Randy Reynolds, Susan Reynolds, Elizabeth Romeo, Lori Rowland, Kelly Ryan, Shelby Slaughter, Bruce Spain, Josh Spain, John Stallings, Jackson Steele, Emma Grace Stiff, Otissay Thompson, Robin Underwood, Ruby Walton, Addie Waters, Judy Wei, Whitley, Sigrid Whittle, Trish and Gary Wilkins, Jack Williams, William Wilson, and Katherine Youell. **For all the blessings of this life. For those expecting children,** especially Claire and Adam Hahn. **For those who have died. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** *Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) and The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu - Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido.* **For those serving in the military or diplomatic service:** Stuart Hughes, Jack James, Alec Mackenzie, Alex Newsome, Randy Reynolds III, C. Russell Timmons, and David M. Tonacci.