



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020
9:00am

Welcome

Prelude

Jupiter (from the Planets)

Gustav Holst

Hymn

Good Christians all rejoice and sing!

Blue Hymnal 205
vs. 1,3,4,5

Opening Acclamation

Clergy This we know, the earth does not belong to us,
All **we belong to the earth.**

Clergy This we know, all things are connected:
All **like the blood which unites one family.**

Clergy For we did not weave the web of life:
All **we are merely a strand of it.**

Clergy For God brought us into being
All **And called us to care for Creation.**

Clergy Blessed be our God.
All **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Glory to God

Glo - - ri - a, glor - - ri - a, in ex - cel - - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glor - ry in the high - est!

Glo - - ri - a, glo - - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Clergy 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.**

Reading

Acts 2:42-47

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

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 forever.

Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is

Blue Hymnal 645
vs. 1,2,5,6

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Priest 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.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

The Nicene Creed

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

We 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.

We 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 life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader To God who so loved the world, let us pray with hearts full of love.

(A brief silence)

For the church everywhere: In our Parishes, we pray for Church of the St. Lawrence in Alexandria Bay and their vicar the Rev. Lisa Busby; and Saints Peter and John Church in Auburn and their rector the Rev. Kathlyn Schofield. In our Diocese, we say a few extra prayers this week for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals; and we also pray as Bishop DeDe celebrates a birthday this week. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for Iglesia Cristo Rey, Bajo Lempa, Usulután and their priest the Rev. Antonio Lopez. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the Diocese of Virginia and their bishop

the Rt. Rev. Shannon Sherwood Johnston. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Communion in Japan (Nippon Sei Ko Kai). May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For peace among all peoples of the earth: may God redeem us from the slavery of selfishness. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For the health and sustainability of the earth and all living things: may we grow as stewards of the marvelous gift you have given in all of creation. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For this nation and our local communities: may we continually seek to offer gifts of care and advocacy, intervention and support until all people live in justice and freedom. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those who suffer from any illness, be it physical, mental, or spiritual, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. May they know the healing touch of Jesus to be a source of rest, comfort, and restoration. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those we have loved but see no longer, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. May they live forever with God in Christ. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

Clergy Hear our prayers, loving and gracious God, and receive them for the sake of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

The King of Love

Healey Willan

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

The Lord's Prayer

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

Clergy May the heavens bless you.
May sun shine on you.
May the rain dance on your upturned face
May the stars make you wonder and smile.

May the bounty and beauty of the earth bless you, and may you bless the earth in planting and protest and sharing food.

And may God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer bless you now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Blue Hymnal 708

Dismissal

Clergy Go now.
Go and revel in God's world.
Go and be creative.
Go and work for justice.
Go and love your neighbors.
Go and walk with God.

Amen. Alleluia.

All **Amen. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Improvisation of Savior, like a shepherd leave us

Additional sources for today's liturgy:

General Convention 2018 Eucharist for the Care of God's Creation.

Iona Abbey Worship Book: Creation Liturgy