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Good Shepherd Sunday
The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A,
April 26, 2026, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Prayer - Hybrid

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! We are glad you are here. If you are online, please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. If you are online reading a lesson, or offering an intercession or thanksgiving during the prayers, please unmute; then re-mute.

Music in this bulletin may be taken from The Hymnal 1982; Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP); Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS II); Voices Found (VF); or My Heart Sings Out (MHSO).

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Sing, ye faithful, Sing with gladness

Hymnal 492



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Opening Sentence

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People And your glory all the day long.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Sung by all

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*
 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

WLP 880

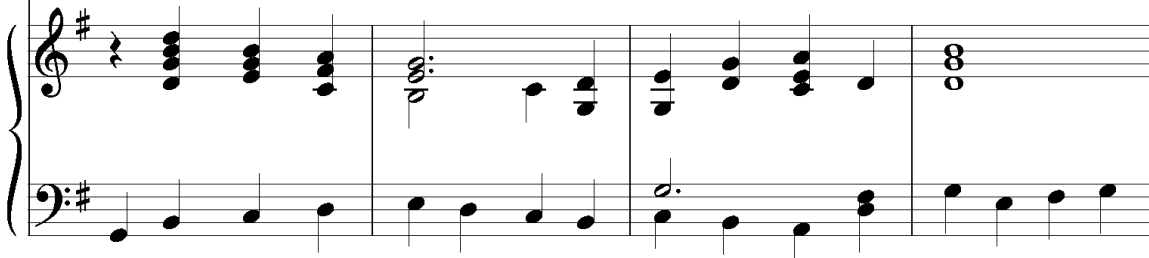
Descant



3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalm 23 *Deus Dominus regit me*

All say

- 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.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

First Reading: Acts 2:, 42-47

Sue Rivers

Reader: 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; 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

All say

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors *
a holy people and a blameless race.
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, *
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.

To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, *
and led them by a marvelous way;
She was their shelter by day *
and a blaze of stars by night.

She brought them across the Red Sea, *
she led them through mighty waters;
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves *
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.

And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, *
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;
For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, *
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 19-25

Lynn Bates

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept

A Song of Faith

1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-21

All say

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
The ransom that was paid to free us *
was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ, *
the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

Jim Jarvis

(At Morning Prayer, all remain seated while the Gospel Reading is read by a layperson.)

Reader: A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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. 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, standing as able

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

<i>Officiant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

Officiant and People together, standing as able

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

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 Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning. Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

We remember The Shires Constellation of St. James' Church, Arlington and St. Peter's Church, Bennington; the Rev. Jeremy Means-Koss in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

We give thanks for all who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week, especially those we now name...

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers, especially those we now name...

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially those we now name...

I invite your additional prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at this time.

Concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth: mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Office/Offertory Hymn

My Shepherd will supply my need

Hymnal 664



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
 is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
 all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____

He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
 or a guest, but like a child at home.____

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant and People say together

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

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Concluding Sentence

The Officiant says

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* Romans 15:13

Sending Hymn

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymnal 708

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Savior, like a shepherd lead us'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with two verses. Verse 1: '1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy'. Verse 2: '2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us'. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymn for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody from *The Euzonson Magazine and London Review*, 1792

Postlude

Announcements

Calendar:

Today: Coffee Hour in McClure Room

Tuesday: Book Group, 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

Next Sunday: The Fifth Sunday of Easter – Morning Prayer, Hybrid, 9:30 a.m.

A Note on Today's Readings

The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year A

Welcome to our parish. This Sunday is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday. The gospel reading each year is a portion of Jesus' discourse on his relationship to us in the image of a shepherd. Shepherds in his day were so close to their flock that the sheep were each known to the shepherd, and they knew and responded to his voice. So we each in Baptism have been named by our Lord, and have become part of Christ's life.

Today's reading from Acts describes the life of the infant church. Central to its life was the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers. This small but growing community saw itself as like a family sharing everything in common.

Even their most characteristic act of worship, the Eucharist, was, like Jewish Sabbath and Passover worship, something that took place in homes.

The reading from 1 Peter continues this early sermon on the life of the baptized. Suffering and trials are still part of the Christian's life. By bearing them patiently our lives are conformed more closely with the dying and rising of Jesus. He is our Shepherd, and will never lose any of us.

We gather as a household, a flock, not a group of individuals who simply happen to be in the same space at the same time. We are made into this fellowship by the living presence of Christ, giving us a unity that transcends all individual differences, all time and space, and all life circumstances.

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