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The Fourth Sunday of Easter - Rite II Morning Prayer, Year B

25 April, 2021

Online Morning Prayer Service - 9:00 am

Prelude He shall feed his flock G.F. Handel

Hymn **The King of love my shepherd is** (stanzas 1-3)
Hymnal 645

The Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.
Alleluia.

Gloria **Hymnal S280**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me* **BCP p. 612**

Reader A reading from **The Acts of the Apostles**.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Reader **A reading from The First Letter of John.**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Daniel P. Richards

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Prayers

Reader In the joy and hope of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Father.

That our Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Reader That the Church may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter and that all bishops, priests, and deacons may be renewed in their zeal to preach the gospel: we particularly pray for our Bishops: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our Diocesan Bishop; and for the Clergy and Vestry of our own parish. For all of these, we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Reader That God may grant us humility to reach out to one another in Christian love, we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Reader That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, especially for Thomas C., Gailen K., Pat T., Tom T., the Bull family, the Scott family, and all our parishioners and loved ones currently on the Prayer List. For those in need, we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Reader That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day. Especially for David B., Carol S., and all our loved ones who have gone before us in lives of faith, we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Reader That God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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.**

Announcements

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Celebrant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Hymn The King of love my shepherd is (stanzas 4-6)

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