

The Episcopal Church of St. Simon & St. Jude
To welcome, to rejoice and to be Jesus in the World

4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Morning Prayer Rite II

Prelude

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Donald Busarow

Hymn 184

Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Christ ist erstanden

1 Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ has broken every chain!
Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today your people feed.

Alleluia!

2 He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
takes our sin and guilt away that with angels we may say: Alleluia!

Refrain

3 He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross
is exalted now to save, wresting victory from the grave. Alleluia!

Refrain

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

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. Alleluia!

All say in unison

We Praise Thee *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
 the Father, of an infinite majesty,
 thine adorable, true, and only Son,
 also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
 in glory everlasting.

The Psalm

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 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.

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.

The Lessons

Reader A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles [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.

Hymn 343

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

St. Agnes

- 1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.
- 2 We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding-place.

- 3 Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.
- 4 Lord, sup with us in love divine thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

The Gospel

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

‘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 Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Musical Meditation

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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.

The Prayers

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with
confidence as our Savior taught us

All together

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.

Suffrages B

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
V. Day by day we magnify thee;
R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. As our trust is in thee.
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. Let me never be confounded.

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 Prayer for Guidance (written by Beth Hendrix)

Lord God, Creator of all that is life-giving and life-affirming, you have raised the Son and empowered the Holy Spirit: Raise us to walk authentically as Christ, and empower us to be spiritual vessels; so that we may reflect your will and abide in one another as your beloved; through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace:

So clothes us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.
Amen.

The Bidding Prayers

I bid your prayers for the Church, for Michael, our presiding bishop, Andrew our bishop and all who minister in every capacity.

I bid your prayers for our nation and all those in authority, especially Donald our president, Henry our governor, and all who serve in Congress and the Statehouse.

I bid your prayers for all who keep us safe during this health crisis, especially doctors, nurses and medical staff; safety personnel and first responders; and scientists and researchers.

I bid your prayers for our local community, especially homeless, the friendless and those in recovery.

I bid your prayers for Eldridge, Ernest, Jamie, Deb, Jessica, Fred, Kristen, Dick, Mike, Lauren, Judy, Stephanie, Erinn, Laura, Carol, Edie, Louis, Beth, Shelby, and those we now name, either in our hearts or on our lips.

I bid your prayers for those who are in discernment for Holy Orders, especially Beth, our seminarian.

I bid your prayers for this congregation, our vestry and for those working on the RenewalWorks team.

I bid your prayers for those celebrating birthdays: Ian McCormick, Tony Scotti, Caroline Phillips, Jim Neuburger and Pat Gillam; and those celebrating anniversaries: Trey and Jennifer Worrall.

I bid your prayers for those who have died, especially John Brown, cousin of Marty Yates, Margie Gay, aunt of Cecile Strait, and Norman Guay, brother of Ernest Guay; that they may be raised up from death to eternal joy with Christ.

A prayer in the time of a pandemic

Most holy God, who through your Son promised to remain with us always, when information overwhelms us and fear overtakes us, speak to us again those comforting words, “Peace be with you.” And although we cannot be physically close to others, give us the ability and courage to love as well as we can, since “perfect love casts out all fear.”

Be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light.

Give to all who are caring for the sick, skill, sympathy and resilience, and strength; and to those searching for a cure, grant your wisdom. Guide them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health.

All this we ask through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you and Holy Spirit in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 645

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 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.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

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

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

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 Officiant says

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.*

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

Postlude With Trumpets and Horns (from Water Music) G.F. Handel

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