

Order of Worship + May 3, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: Improvisation on ST. COLUMBA, Larry Peterson

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please take a few moments for silent reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Announcement of God's Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am his And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine 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 forever.

Salutation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **Living God, your Son cares for your people as a shepherd cares for his sheep, calling us each by name. Grant that we may hear and recognize his voice, and, following him, be brought safely through every trial and temptation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson:

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayed responsively, with the congregation speaking the verses in bold.

L: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

L: he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Lesson:

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music: “Reckless Love,” Asbury; Tina & Mary Baumgartner

Gospel Announcement

John 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Mary Baumgartner

Sermon

Pastor Ken Nelson

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Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.

Re - joyce and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.

For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly king.

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles' Creed

- A: Let us profess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize:
 C: **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 into hell. 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.

Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, you are our Good Shepherd and you know our every need. May our trust in your goodness and mercy not wane, even when the trials of life may threaten to overtake us.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Continue to draw us into ever deeper fellowship with one another by the power of your Spirit. May we be united around our common bond in Christ, and so seek to share our lives together.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

We pray for believers around the world who suffer persecution for the sake of the gospel. Give them grace to stand firm in their confession of faith, and comfort them with an awareness of your presence, trusting that Christ also endured unjust suffering, and continues to suffer with them.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creator God, you have so formed us for yourself that our hearts are restless until we rest in you. May we who seek to rest in you witness to the world that you are the only source of abundant life, and only you can lead our burdened souls to green pastures and still waters.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for all the children of our congregation, especially as they struggle to understand our current situation. Fill their hearts with your peace, and cause their faith to flourish as they trust your love. Give courage and patience to parents and all those providing for their physical and spiritual needs.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Comfort those who mourn, especially Lisa and Scott Grossman and their family as they grieve the death of Lisa's father Robert. Uphold them by your love as they draw strength from Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are afflicted or distressed in any way, who are facing disease or loneliness, financial distress or anxiety in their profession. Pour out your healing mercies upon those whose bodies ache or who struggle with illness, especially we pray for Cindy Rooks' friend Shirl Gordon in her battle with cancer, and for Brad Meyer's mom Betty as she recovers from surgery.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **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, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

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Praise to the Father

1 Praise to the Fa - ther for his lov - ing - kind - ness, Ten - der - ly
 2 Praise to the Sav - ior for his deep com - pas - sion, Gra - cious - ly
 3 Praise to the Spir - it, com - fort - er of Is - rael, Sent from the

car - ing for his err - ing chil - dren; Praise him, all an - gels;
 car - ing for his cho - sen peo - ple; Young men and wom - en,
 Fa - ther and the Son to bless us! Praise to the Fa - ther,

praise him in the heav - ens; Praise to the Fa - - ther!
 ag - ing folk and chil - dren, Praise to the Sav - ior!
 Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it! Praise to the tri - une God!

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Prelude in e minor, Nicholas Bruhns

Participants for Service Recording:

Presiding Minister: Ken Nelson

Substitute Organist: Larry Peterson

Special Music: Tina and Mary Baumgartner

Assisting Minister: Lynnae Douglas

Lector: Kyle Jones

Children's Sermon: Mary Baumgartner

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