

Fourth Sunday of Easter



10:00 am
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Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Prayer of the Day

P: O God our shepherd,

C: ***you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in***

certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Psalm 23

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Number 778

1. The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake. Within the paths of righteousness e'en for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

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

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

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

Jesus said: ¹"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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day *"Shepherd Me, O God"* Number 780

Refrain

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

- 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*
- 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*
- 3 Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*
- 4 You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. *Refrain*
- 5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

Apostles' Creed

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 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.

A Time for Peace

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

C: ***And also with you.***

**please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer*

Prayers of the Church

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

God our Healer, show your compassion for the whole human family that is in turmoil and burdened with illness and with fear. Come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick, support and protect their families and friends from being infected. Hear our cry, O God,

C: ***listen to our prayer.***

Grant us your spirit of love and self-discipline so that we may come together, working to control and eliminate the coronavirus. Make us vigilant, attentive, and proactive in the eradication of all diseases including malaria, influenza, HIV & AIDS, that create suffering and often result in death for many people. Hear our cry, O God,

C: ***listen to our prayer.***

Shepherding God, strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in the medical profession: care-givers, nurses, attendants, doctors, all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families. Inspire, give insight and hope to all researchers focused on developing a vaccine. Hear our cry, O God,

C: ***listen to our prayer.***

Guide the leaders of the nations that they speak the truth, halt the spread of misinformation and act with justice so that all your family may know healing. Hear our cry, O God,

C: ***listen to our prayer.***

Nurturing God, you desire justice for the hungry. Bless advocacy work, food pantries, and feeding ministries in our congregations such as the Lost and Found Café, Treasure House, Clark County Food Bank. May none of our neighbors lack for basic needs. Hear our cry, O God,

C: ***listen to our prayer.***

Comforting God, you carry us tenderly. We pray for those who walk through dark valleys overshadowed by anxiety and overwhelmed with suffering, especially those we remember out loud or in our hearts. Hear our cry, O God,

C: ***listen to our prayer.***

With bold confidence in your love, Almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God,

C: ***our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ***And also with you.***

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: ***It is right for us to give thanks and praise.***

Eucharist Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Prayer after Communion

P: Shepherding God,

C: ***All praise is yours, O God. You bring us to this table as sisters and brothers. Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all your children will gather as family. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.***

SENDING

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. ***Amen.***

Sending Hymn "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" Number 769

1. If you but trust in God to guide you, with gentle hand through all your ways, You'll find that God is there beside you, when crosses come, in trying days. Trust then in God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.
2. What gain is there in anxious weeping, in helpless anger and distress? If you are in your Savior's keeping, in sorrow will he love you less? For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.
3. The Lord our restless hearts is holding, in peace and quietness content. We rest in God's good will unfolding, what wisdom from on high has sent. God, who has chosen us by grace, knows very well the fears we face.
4. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully. Trust heaven's word; though undeserving, you'll find this promise true to be. This is our confidence indeed: God never fails in time of need.

Dismissal

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia!***

Silent Meditation

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