

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Sunday, May 3, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR
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Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing and the cathedral is closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.

Officiant and Homilist: *Dan Tatarnic;*
Cantor/Soloists: *Richard Cunningham, Sarah McPherson;*
Organ: *Michael Bloss*

Words of Welcome

Sentence – I am the good shepherd says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me

Music – Et in Unum Deum (Mass in b) – Johann Sebastian Bach

Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum,
Filius Dei unigenitus, et ex patre natus
ante omnia saecula, Deus de Deo,
lumen de lumine,
Deus verus de Deo vero. Genitus non
factus, consubstantialis Patri; per quem
omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et
propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father,
God from God, light from
light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through Him all things were
made. For us and for our
salvation He came down from
heaven.

Introductory responses

Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

All

A - - - - - men.

Blessed are you, God of the living,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the deep waters of death you brought your people to new birth
by raising Jesus to life in triumph.
Through him dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.
As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light,
may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song. **Amen.**

Hymn – The Lord's My Shepherd

Sung by the assembly



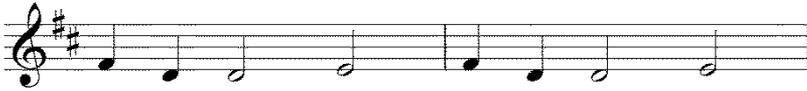
The Lord's my she - pherd, I'll not want he
My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and
Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet
My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall



makes me down to lie in pas-tures green he
me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
pre-sence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for



lead - eth me, the qui - et wa - ters by. He
right-eous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake. With -
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still. For
oil an - noint, and my cup ov - er - flows. My
ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be. And



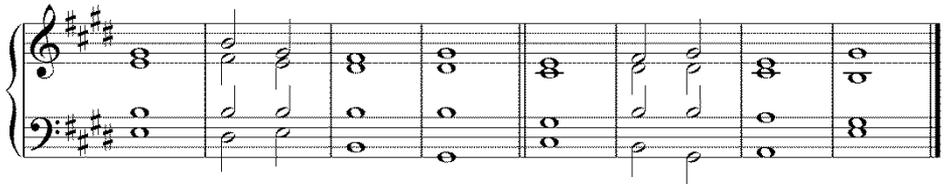
lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, the
in the paths of right-eous-ness e'en
thou art with me and thy rod and
head thou dost with oil an - noint, and
in God's house for - ev - er - more my



qui - et wa - ters by.
for his own name's sake.
staff me com - fort still.
my cup ov - er - flows.
dwell - ing place shall be.

Psalm 23 *Dominus Regit Me*

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all as introduced by the cantor.



O God,/you are/my/Shepherd;*
I shall/not be/in/want.

You make me lie/down in/green/pastures*
and lead/me be-/side still/waters

---/You re-/vive my/soul*
and guide me along right pathways/for your/name's/sake.

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.

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.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the/days of/my/life,*
and I will dwell in your/ house, O/God for/ever.

Glory to God, /Source of/all /being,
eternal/Word and/Holy/Spirit
as it was/in the/be-/ginning
is now and will be for-/ever./A-/men.

Gradual Alleluia

(assembly joins in the refrain, cantor sings the verse.)



*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again
death no longer has dominion over him.
the death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
But the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Word (John 10: 1-10)

“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 away 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.

Words of Reflection – Rev. Dr. Dan Tatarnic

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel,
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart,
With all your soul,
With all your mind,
And with all your strength
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it: love your neighbour as yourself
There is no commandment greater than these.

The Song of Mary

(sung by all)

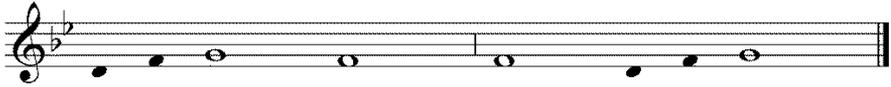


My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**;
My spirit rejoices in **God** my saviour
For you Lord have looked with **favour**
on your **lowly** servant.

From this day all generations will called me **blessed**
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy **is** your name
You have mercy on those who **fear** you:
From generation to **generation**.

You have shown strength with your **arm**
And scattered the proud in **their** conceit.

Casting down the mighty from their **thrones**
And lifting **up** the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good **things**
And sent the rich **away** empty.



You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**
To remember the **promise** of mercy
The promise you made to our **forebears**
To Abraham, Sarah and their **children** 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.

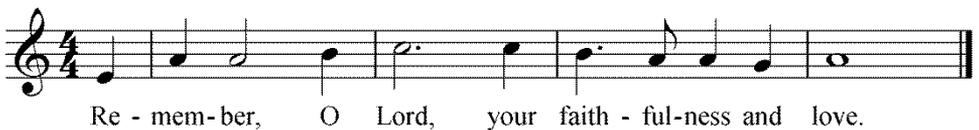
Collect

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, so that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Litany

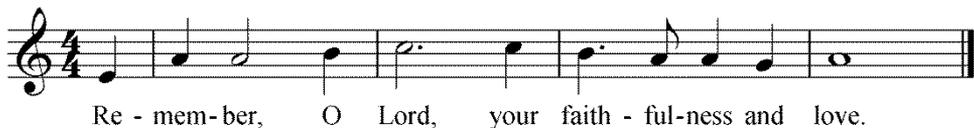
Response *(The organ plays the refrain, and then all repeat after each petition.)*



Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Let us pray to Christ the Redeemer, who suffers with us on the cross of a broken and hurting world; may he give us a share in the joy of His resurrection.

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.



Christ of the Garden, when all was in stillness and quiet, you shattered the chains of death; come to us now, in our hour of need, and bring warmth to the chill of this long night

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ of the New Creation, your word goes forth and does not return to you empty; vivify our parched lives in the fresh waters that spring forth from the well of our salvation

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ of the Resurrection and new life, grant that we who must passover from this life, may die with you in death, and rise with you in glory

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ the Servant King, you offer reconciliation to fractured lives, and healing to broken worlds; give to nations of this earth, wisdom and prudence to govern in the spirit of your example

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

Christ the Word of Life, breathe upon the isolation and uncertainty of a world that longs for hope; embrace us in the strong love that bridges all doubt, all distance, and all that would divide us.

Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.

The Lord's Prayer

Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one,
and pray as our Saviour taught us,

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 forever. Amen.

Hymn – Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring

TEXT: Martin Janus (162?-168?)

MUSIC: Johann Schop, 1642, harm. Johann Sebastian Bach. WERDE MUNTER



Je - sus joy of our de - sir - ing, ho - ly wis - dom,
Through the way where hope is gui - ding, hark, what peace - ful
love... most bright; drown by thee, our souls as - pir - ing soar to un - cre -
mu - sic rings; where the flock, in you con - fi - ding, drink of joy... from
a - ted light. Word of God, our flesh that fash - ioned,
death - less springs. Theirs is beau - ty's fair - est plea - sure;
with the fire of life... im - pass - ioned, stri - ving still to
theirs is wis - dom's ho - liest trea - sure. You for - ev - er,
truth un - known, soar - ing, dy - ing... round... your throne.
lead your... own in the love of... joys... un - known.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia! **Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**
May the Morning Star which never sets find the flame of His love burning in our hearts, when he comes again in glory. **Amen.**

Music – Sheep May Safely Graze – Johann Sebastian Bach