



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 3 May 2020

Easter 4



Online Service of Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

<https://youtu.be/owTbYAMkqdg>

Welcome *Fr. Michael*

Organ Prelude *Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BWV 658 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

*I will not abandon God, for God does not abandon me,
God leads me along right pathways, that I may not stray too far.
He offers me his hand. He takes good care of me
by day and by night, where ever I may be.*

Opening Sentence: *sung by Cantor*

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

John 10.11

The following thanksgiving is said together

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for life and health and safety,
for freedom to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection;
for the gift of your Spirit;
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The following prayer and the Collect of the Day are said in preparation for the reading and teaching of Scripture

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep:
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 2.42-57

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.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

sung by Cantor

Chant – Hylton Stewart

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 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 comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me
all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2.1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

sung by Cantor

cf. Luke 24:32



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:
I know my sheep, and they know me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading

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 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Organ Acclamation *Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 623 – J.S.Bach*

*We thank you Lord Jesus Christ, that you died for us
and by your precious blood have made us right with God.*

The Sermon *Rev'd Canon Libbie Crossman*

Musical Reflection *The Lord is my Shepherd - Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)*

Talia Garret-Benson (Mezzo sop), Richard Clegg (Violin)

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Invitation to the Confession

APBA p.154

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

**Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.**

**For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Christ died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6.10-11

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Intercessions

Leader: Helen Clarke

Good Shepherd, you are the shepherd of many flocks: hear our prayers for all the peoples of the world.

Loving God, we thank you that your Son Jesus is the good shepherd who cares for your people. Open our hearts to hear his voice, to know him as he calls us by name, and to follow wherever he leads.

*Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for your worldwide church, for all who exercise leadership, for those who minister in your name and in our parish we pray for Michael, Bill, Libbie, Tom and Christopher and all who worship in this place. When we do not place you first in our lives, or forget your worship, overturn our values, that we may proclaim your gospel by our words and by our lives.

*Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We thank you for all those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community, for health workers, doctors, nurses, paramedics, and especially those who labour in the laboratories seeking a vaccine for the Coronavirus. Give them wisdom, skill and patience in their work, and by your grace, give them success in their endeavours.

*Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Good Shepherd, we pray for our world, our nation our city and our church. We pray for those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions. Grant them wisdom in their decisions as they navigate the threats to lives and livelihoods. May we all respect their work, accept the limitations on our freedoms and seek the welfare of others.

*Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Good Shepherd, protect with your loving care those we love, our families, friends and neighbours, guide, shelter and strengthen them. Cast out all anxious fears and doubts. Heal and comfort all who are sick and suffering. We pray for healing of mind and body and spirit for those we now name in the silence of our hearts.

*Loving God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia:
In the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude Fantasia in C, BWV 573 – J.S.Bach / *Hermann Keller (from b.13)*

MUSIC LINKS (Choral):

New testament Reading:

Greater love hath no man – John Ireland (Guilford Cathedral)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFbwNLkCsb8>

New testament Reading:

Christ is our cornerstone – Philip Stopford

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4qc7zrqZhl>

Psalm:

The Lord is my Shepherd – John Rutter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0tsuzM6h7M>

Organ Music © 2020 by Christopher Wrench

Service is from A Prayer Book for Australia. Reproduced with permission.

Published under the E-pray Licence No. AUS01 3012303324R6

Other material is printed under CAL Licence No. 5264.

CCLI Licence No. 78392 TIS Licence No. AUS20-10069E-6416S4.