

4th Sunday of Easter

3 May 2020 @ 9:30 AM

Good Shepherd Sunday

Grace Episcopal Church

Randolph, New York

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**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.**

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Pascha nostrum

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

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. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

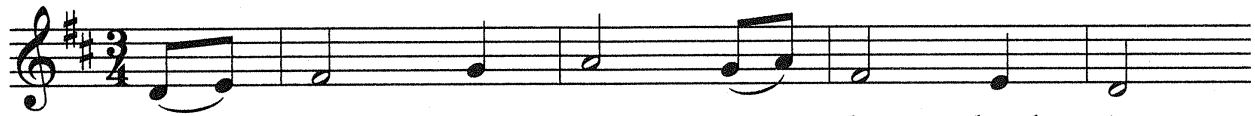
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

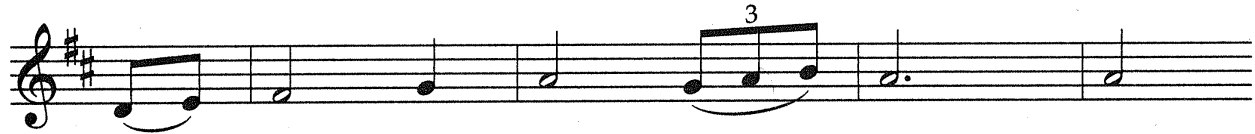
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

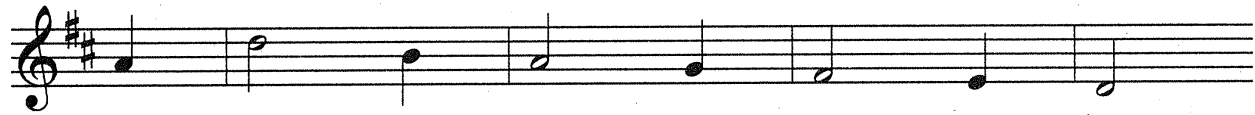
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.



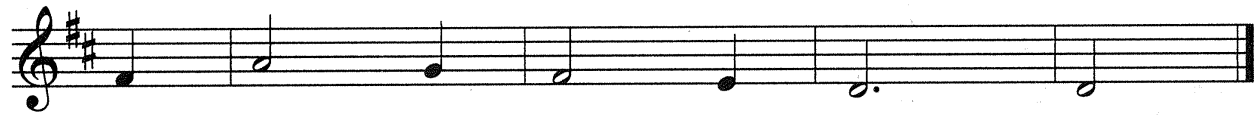
1. The King of love my shep - herd is,
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow
3. Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed,
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight,
6. And so through all the length of days



1. Whose good - ness fails me nev - er;
2. My ran - somed soul he's lead - ing,
3. But yet in love he sought me,
4. With you, dear Lord, be - side me;
5. Your sav - ing grace be - stow - ing;
6. Your good - ness fails me nev - er,



1. I noth - ing lack if I am his,
2. And where the ver - dant pas - tures grow
3. And on his shoul - der gen - tly laid,
4. Your rod and staff my com - fort still,
5. And oh, what trans - port of de - light
6. Good Shep - herd, may I sing your praise



1. And he is mine for - ev - er.
2. With food ce - les - tial feed - ing.
3. And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4. Your cross be - fore to guide me.
5. From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
6. With - in your house for - ev - er.

Jesus said, "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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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

*As we lift our prayers to God, if you place your prayers of special intent in the
Comments section on Facebook, we will add your concerns to our Grace
Church Prayer List this week.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.
Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We offer our prayers to Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd and guardian of our souls, responding to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

For parishes and missions of our diocese, that we will devote ourselves to the teaching and fellowship of Christ, and the offering of prayers; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

That an outpouring of generosity will flow from the gratitude and thanksgiving that dwell in our hearts, moving the Church, the household of faith, to provide relief to those in any want or need; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For the courage to share the faith we hold, and the willingness to listen humbly to those whose interpretation of the faith differs from our own; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For all those who exercise leadership, that their actions may reflect the ways of the Servant, whose obedience to God released the power to overcome every darkness, and whose sacrifice opened the gates to eternity; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

In thanksgiving for our merciful Jesus, who loves us beyond our shame and guilt, frees us from the tombs of our past, and invites us to receive his gift of overwhelming forgiveness; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

That we may not fear the day of judgement, but entrust ourselves to the one who judges justly; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

For all the faithful departed, who now behold the Lord Jesus in his risen glory; let us pray. **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Let us continue our prayers in the Name of the One in whom we sing the triumphant strain, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

You are invited to add your prayers of special intention.

COLLECT AT THE PRAYERS

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION TO SOCIAL TIME

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**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.**

A BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Lord's My Shepherd

Joanne Hogg



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