

MORNING PRAYER  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 3, 2020

**O** PENING SENTENCE

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.

*R: 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.*

THE PSALMS APPOINTED

**Psalm 148 Laudate Dominum**

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

*2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.*

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

*4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.*

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

*6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.*

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**8** *Fire and hail, snow and fog, \**  
*tempestuous wind, doing his will;*

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10** *Wild beasts and all cattle, \**  
*creeping things and wingèd birds;*

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

**12** *Young men and maidens, \**  
*old and young together.*

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

**14** *He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \**  
*the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!*

### **Psalm 149** Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

**2** *Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \**  
*let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.*

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

**4** *For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \**  
*and adorns the poor with victory.*

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

**6** *Let the praises of God be in their throat \**  
*and a two-edged sword in their hand;*

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;

**8** *To bind their kings in chains \**  
*and their nobles with links of iron;*

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

### **Psalm 150** Laudate Dominum

**1** *Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; \**  
*praise him in the firmament of his power.*

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.

**3** *Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \**  
*Praise him with lyre and harp.*

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.

**5** *Praise him with resounding cymbals; \**  
*praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.*

6 Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

*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*

## THE LESSONS

A READING FROM ACTS 2:42-47

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hey 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.

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

### CANTICLE: A SONG TO THE LAMB

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
 are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
*For you created everything that is, \**  
*and by your will they were created and have their being;*  
 And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
*From every family, language, people, and nation, \**  
*a kingdom of priests to serve our God.*  
 And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
 and to Christ the Lamb,  
*Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \**  
*for ever and for evermore.*

A READING FROM 1 PETER 2:19-25

**F**or it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,  
 and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the

cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

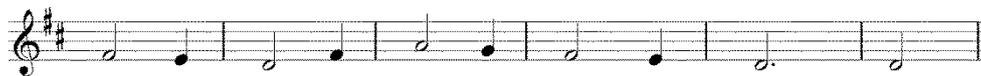
## HYMN: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (VV. 1,2,4,6)



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  
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.  
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 10:1-10

# V

ery 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 SERMON

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## 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

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, *who are in heaven*  
*hallowed by 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*

### Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

### 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 ourselves 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.*

## HYMN: SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*  
*Ephesians 3:20*

## PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Bob Morgan, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Janet Edwards, Bob Snyder, Andy & Barrie Wallace, and Ed Eastman.

We pray for those in our parish family unable to join us in worship: Jackie Fredericks, Mildred Pruessing, Katherine Nelson, Lois Horn, and Tom Vail.

And others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Leonel Alvarado, Gene & Lillian Thompson, Derek Kendall, Harry Dula, Mathew Thomas, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Dorothy Garton, Tammy Mack, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor

Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Colin & Jimena McNease, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Anna Lawrence, Linda Saterfield, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, John Thompson, Anne Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Gogi, and Bob, and David Boe.

Pray for all Doctors and Nurses. Pray for all service workers. Pray for inmates.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us offer our prayers to God for the Church and for the world.

God, you call us to speak in your name: Grant that the Church may be faithful to the witness of Christ in our world and guide those who are called to particular ministries, especially Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops; and for churches in our Diocese especially: St. Christopher's and St. Mary's, High Point.

God in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

You send us forth in peace: Guide the people of this land and of all the nations in the ways of justice and peace that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

God in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

You brought the world into being: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation; that we may use its resources rightly and to your honor and glory.

God in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

You grant us repentance and renewal of life: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them.

God in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

You bring healing and grace: Comfort those who mourn, especially Jane Clunie at the death of her uncle, Read Montgomery; Carolyn Carlson at the death of her friend, Marti Clapp; and David Arcus at the death of a colleague David Boe; and those who have lost family members and friends due to the Corona Virus. Comfort and heal those who are sick, that your presence may be known to them. Guard nurses and doctors as they provide care to those who are sick.

God in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

You wept at the tomb of Lazarus: We commend to your mercy those who have died especially Reed, Marti, and David, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

God in your mercy

Hear our prayer.