

MORNING PRAYER
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
APRIL 25, 2021

PRELUDE: BACH, CANTATA 112, DER HERR IST MEIN GETREUER HIRT, 1. CHORUS

Translation of text:

*The Lord is my faithful shepherd
he holds me in his protection,
where there is nothing lacking to me
at all of any goodness,
he puts me out to pasture continually
where grows the sweet-tasting grass
of his holy word.*

OPENING SENTENCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.***

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 63 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 ***Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, ****
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
 my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 ***So will I bless you as long as I live ****
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
 and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 ***When I remember you upon my bed, ****
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
 and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 ***My soul clings to you; ****
your right hand holds me fast.
- 9 May those who seek my life to destroy it *
 go down into the depths of the earth;
- 10 ***Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, ****
and let them be food for jackals.
- 11 But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; *
 for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
 for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 ***With his right hand and his holy arm ****
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 ***He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, ****
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 ***Sing to the LORD with the harp, ****
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
 shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 ***Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, ****

the lands and those who dwell therein.

- ⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
¹⁰ ***In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.***

***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 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE M: A SONG OF FAITH; 1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-21

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
***Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.***

The ransom that was paid to free us *
was not paid in silver or gold,
***But in the precious blood of Christ, *
the Lamb without spot or stain.***

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

***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.***

A READING FROM 1 JOHN 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #645: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (VV. 1,2,4,6)

A READING FROM JOHN 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Lisa Frost-Phillips+

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 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for parishes in our Diocese, especially St. Andrew's, Haw River; Church of the Holy Innocents and St. John's, Henderson. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME and for the Hillsborough Clergy Coalition, especially for Rev. Tony Boss of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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. We pray for our President, our Congress, and our State Government.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for the work of the Eno River Association.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in Orange County. We pray for inmates, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for Re-Entry House and their work in our community.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those in our parish family, especially: Mildred, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Laura, Sandra, Tricia & Don, Nell, Ludie, Robert, Marion, Nancy, Jim, Joseph, Mimi, and Betty. We pray for Naomi Swainey and Maggie Malone. We pray for those at Brookshire, both residents and staff.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Steve Knotts, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

COLLECTS FOR 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.***

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN #193: THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT (VV.1,3,5)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.***

2 Corinthians 13:14

THE SUNDAY FORUM: RESURRECTION TO CREATION

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday (4/25): Easter IV

Worship and Formation

- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:00am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Sunday Forum: Resurrection to Creation**; 10:15am (Worship Zoom)
- **Growing in Christ** (Formation Zoom); 10:30am

Youth Group + RJR Discussion of the Movie "42"; (Formation Zoom); 4:00pm

Women's Singing Circle & Compline (Worship Zoom); 7:00pm

Monday (4/26):

- **Archives & History**; 10:00am
- **Food for All / Gordon Carlson's Team** (Fellowship Hall); 5:30pm
- **Education for Ministry** (Formation Zoom); 6:30p
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (4/27):

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Wednesday (4/28):

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **In-Person Eucharist** (Church); Noon; **health screening form required**
- **For Those Who Live Alone** (Meeting Zoom); 5:00pm / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Thursday (4/29)

- **Adult Bible Study** (Formation Zoom); 7:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Friday (4/30)

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Saturday (5/1)

- **Shawl Ministry** (Zoom); 9:30am

Sunday (5/2): Easter V**Worship and Formation**

- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:00am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Sunday Forum: Resurrection & Scripture** 10:15am (Worship Zoom)
- **Godly Play** (Formation Zoom); 10:30am

Youth Group (Formation Zoon); 4:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please mask up if you come into any of the buildings
on the church property!!**

Faith and Arts is launching Season III of the St. Matthew's Podcast. This new season features interviews with six artists and creative folk from different mediums and practices in our community. We are exploring the imagination and creative presence among our own community as we continue to quarantine and discussing how each artist's particular faith experience informs and connects to their artistic work. Episode 1 features Holden Richards & Photography, Episode 2, Jerry Eideneir & Poetry and Episode 3 airs this Sunday on with Mary Rocap & Baking. Each Sunday we will release a new episode!
<https://stmatthewshillsborough.org/podcast/>

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

- **Movie Discussion on Sunday, April 25:** On Sunday April 25th, the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee is hosting a discussion of the film "42" on the Formation Channel at 4pm. Since all youth are especially invited this will take place during the customary Youth Group time. "42" is a film about Jackie Robinson, the first black athlete to play in Major League Baseball.
- **Book Discussion on Tuesday, April 27**
Caste, by Isabel Wilkerson, proved to be such a fascinating book when we discussed it on March 23rd that we decided we needed to revisit it. Please join us on Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00pm on the Meeting Channel. Whether you attended the previous discussion or not, you are welcome.

A New Parish Seminar Series: MEANS and ENDS: What is our best path to the Common Good?**An informal Parish Seminar Series on Economics, Faith, and Policy hosted by Robert Fruehwirth+ and John Oxaal Beginning May 4**

This seminar series is meant to engage in a discussion of many of the topics that are in the public square. Most of these have application to our own situation here in the middle of North Carolina. We will roughly follow chapter by chapter the outline of Rose and Milton Friedman's book Free to Choose. Free to Choose is a wonderful description for the layman of differing approaches to the macro economy.

We will have a scholar discuss each chapter for about 20 minutes or so and follow that up with a question and answer session. Many of the questions will come from the show "Free to Choose" which is easy to find on You Tube.

Our first session will be on Tuesday, May 4, from 6:30pm until 7:30pm will be led by Anne Bradley, Ph.D. a scholar from the Acton Institute <https://www.acton.org/>. Steve Kaplan, Neubauer Professor of Finance at the University of Chicago will discuss the Duty of Corporations to Society. Anne Bradley will

talk about limited government vs. central government planning. Please read the first two chapters of Free to Choose as preparation. The seminar will be on the Meeting Zoom Channel.

About Reentry House

The Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry has operated a weekly Yokefellows group on Tuesday evenings at the Orange Correctional Facility for years, although temporarily suspended now because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In late summer, 2019, they started a non-profit corporation for the purpose of providing housing and support in the most critical first 18 months after prison for those being released, until the point where they can become independent, self-supporting, contributing individuals in our community.

Orange Congregations In Mission

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. Bring your donated cans to the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors. So far, we have collected 169 cans toward our monthly goal of 175.

MOWOCNC (newly named after the merger of OCRA and Chapel Hill-Carrboro Meals on Wheels) is having two of their annual fundraisers. Parishioners are encouraged to read about the Virtual Dining for Others (D4O) on May 5 and the Mother's Day Flower Delivery on May 8. More can be found on the website: www.mowocnc.org. But here is a bit of information to start with. Every ticket or bouquet purchased directly funds meals delivered to our MOW recipients.

Dining for Others (D4O): REGISTER FOR D4O!

Join us for a fun evening of celebration, engaging storytelling, delicious food, and community connection! All zoom participants are eligible to win fun door prizes like tickets to next seasons UNC v Duke football game or a signed UNC championship basketball from 2016-2017!

Wednesday, May 5

Zoom Room opens 6:45pm; Event Starts: 7:00pm

Every ticket purchase directly funds meals delivered.

Choose your own ticket price, funding anywhere from 5 - 260 meals (or more)! Every ticket option comes with at least one delicious meal from local restaurants: Acme, Beau Catering, Glasshalfull, Luna Rotisserie, and Vimala's Curryblossom Café. Meal selections are available after choosing your ticket price. Pick-up meals and event goody bags at Carrboro United's distribution point at University Place (201 South Estes Dr, Chapel Hill) from 12-3pm on Wednesday, May 5. Just drive on up and we will place your food and goody bag in your car! Then roll on home, get comfy, pop on zoom, and enjoy!

Mother's Day Flowers: Order Flowers Today!

MOWOCNC is proud to partner with Blawesome, a Chapel Hill-based flower farm and design studio that offers beautiful, locally grown, organic arrangements. The farm is owned and co-operated by a young man living with autism. When you buy flowers from Blawesome, you are taking part in a celebration of the beauty and uniqueness of both flowers and humanity.

Order bouquets for all the moms in your life! Every bouquet delivery includes a

donation to support MOWOCNC. Bouquets will be delivered on Saturday, May 8th by MOW's volunteers! Limited Bouquets available!

Forward Day by Day Devotionals are available for purchase on the table in the Parish House foyer for \$1.00. These booklets, issued quarterly, offer opportunity for daily reflection on the Christian life. The current booklet runs for May, June, and July.

Suggested Program: Coventry Cathedral: Icon and Inspiration on April 29, 2–3:30 p.m. Join Alexandra Epps (an Accredited Lecturer for The Arts Society and Guide and Lecturer at Tate Modern, Tate Britain and the Guildhall Art Gallery) for the extraordinary story of the rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral as a symbol of peace and reconciliation and its inspiring commitment to the modern. Experience the artistic journey that is the Cathedral discovering the work of many of the world-class artists associated with its many treasures including Jacob Epstein, Elisabeth Frink, John Piper, Graham Sutherland and more.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Mildred Pruessing, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Tricia & Don Hill, Nell Schrader, Ludie White, Robert Locke, Marion Horn, Nancy Harris, Jim von St. Paul, Jean Bartholomew, Joseph Riddick, Mimi Games, and Betty Wolfe.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Harry Dula, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, Mary Beth, Karl & Janice Eicher, Knox Efland, Coleman Sale, Boardman Lloyd, the family of Chris Knotts, Bill, Chris Graebner, Tom Bloom, Michael Thompson, Andy, Drew, Sean Turnell, Matthew Arnold, Sally Weaver, Steve Thomas, Alex Thomas, Joe Barnes, Tony Boss, Millie Hinkle, Cyndi Martin, Joanna Huacani, the Wiley family: Amanda, Hayes, Julianna, and Jasper, Naomi Swainey, and Maggie Malone.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children.