



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 April 2013

11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Prelude

The King of love my shepherd is
Hymnal 645

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed.
Alleluia.

Collect for Purity
BCP 355

Glory to God in the highest
Hymnal S 280

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

9.36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she

was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

1

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4

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.

5

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.

6

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

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Hymnal 178

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor says

I bid your prayers for the sick and those in special need:

Louis dePaulo	Claudia Emerson	Jude & Family
Dorothy Roop	Bill Scott	Kim
Nancy Jones Hayes	Lena Carter	Shirley
Alan	Jacqueline Rowles	Frankie
Gloria Thompson	Layna Ford	Bob Bushley
Marvin Arey Mullis	Grayson Taylor	Betty Atkins
David Brochu	Tony Rouse	Chuck Warnock
Rosemary Nichols	Lola Rose	Joan James
Helen Melton	Harold Camp	Elizabeth
Brenda Clark	Betty Ann	Katie Hewitt
Mary Kathryn Haley	Hunter	

For those serving in the Armed Forces:

Geoffrey Bailey	James Riley	Megan
Michael Kowalski		

For those who have died:

Father Mathieson then says

Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace and the Great Physician, and it is to you that we pray.

The Intercessor continues

We pray, O Lord, for those who were so tragically killed in Boston. We pray for all who love them, and all who grieve. We pray that they might find strength in you, and not be overwhelmed by their loss.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray, for those who were injured. Those who lost limbs. Those who are in great pain. Those who lives will forever be changed.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray, for those who witnessed horrible sights, for innocent bystanders, for the first responders, police, nurses, doctors, and all who are shaken to the core.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are caring for the injured at this hour, that through them you would offer healing and life.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the men and women of law enforcement who have long and difficult days ahead of them.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the clergy and lay ministers who will tend to the needs of people in fear and grief.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all the people of Boston, and everyone across the world who live under the threat of terror.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In the spirit of you, O Christ, who commanded us to love, and pray for, our enemies; we pray for those who seek to do others harm. We pray that their hearts be turned, and their minds and souls find healing.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are called to keep us safe. We pray that they might have wisdom and strength to do the task that is set before them.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Then Father Mathieson adds a concluding prayer

And, we pray for the day when evil takes its last gasp. When the light finally, and thoroughly, snuffs out the darkness in this world, and the darkness which infects the hearts of people who do unspeakable wrong. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin is not used in Eastertide, the Celebrant bids the peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Announcements and Offertory Sentence

Choir Anthem and Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

Eucharistic Prayer

as announced

Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S 129

The celebrant continues with the prayer of consecration

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation and Communion

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal 343

What wondrous love is this, O my soul

Hymnal 439

Postcommunion Prayer

as announced

Dismissal

The people respond **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

Hymnal 671

Postlude

Announcements

It is a delight to welcome as the celebrant and preacher, the Rev'd Father Jim Mathieson. Father Chris and family are at John Luke's gymnastic competition in Martinsburg, West Virginia, this weekend.

Please see upcoming events on the last page of the bulletin.

The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

Based on John 10:11-18 (NIV)



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SHEPHERD	FATHER	HIRED	ATTACKS	LOVES
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Ministers of the Mass

Subdeacons: Carol, Charles
Readers: Linda, Michael R
Prayers: Bill
Ushers: Walter, Langhorne
Coffee: Carol Fletcher et al.
Counters: Sharon, Susan
Flowers: Sharon, Ruth T
Altar: Beth, Janice, Carol

Upcoming Events

5 May 2013. We will have as **special guests Joshua Mills and family.** A senior at Gretna High School whose teacher is **Mark de Paulo**, Joshua is the **2013 State of Virginia winner of the high school essay contest sponsored by The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.** The prize is a weeklong seminar in Washington, D.C., together with winners from the other 49 states. We are thankful for **Alice Coles** who represents the NSCDA and encourages young people to participate in the contest.

12 May 2013. Mother's Day brunch hosted by Charles and Michael. All are welcome but **please help us know if you (and any guests) are coming by signing up on the sheet in the hall leading to the parish hall.**

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