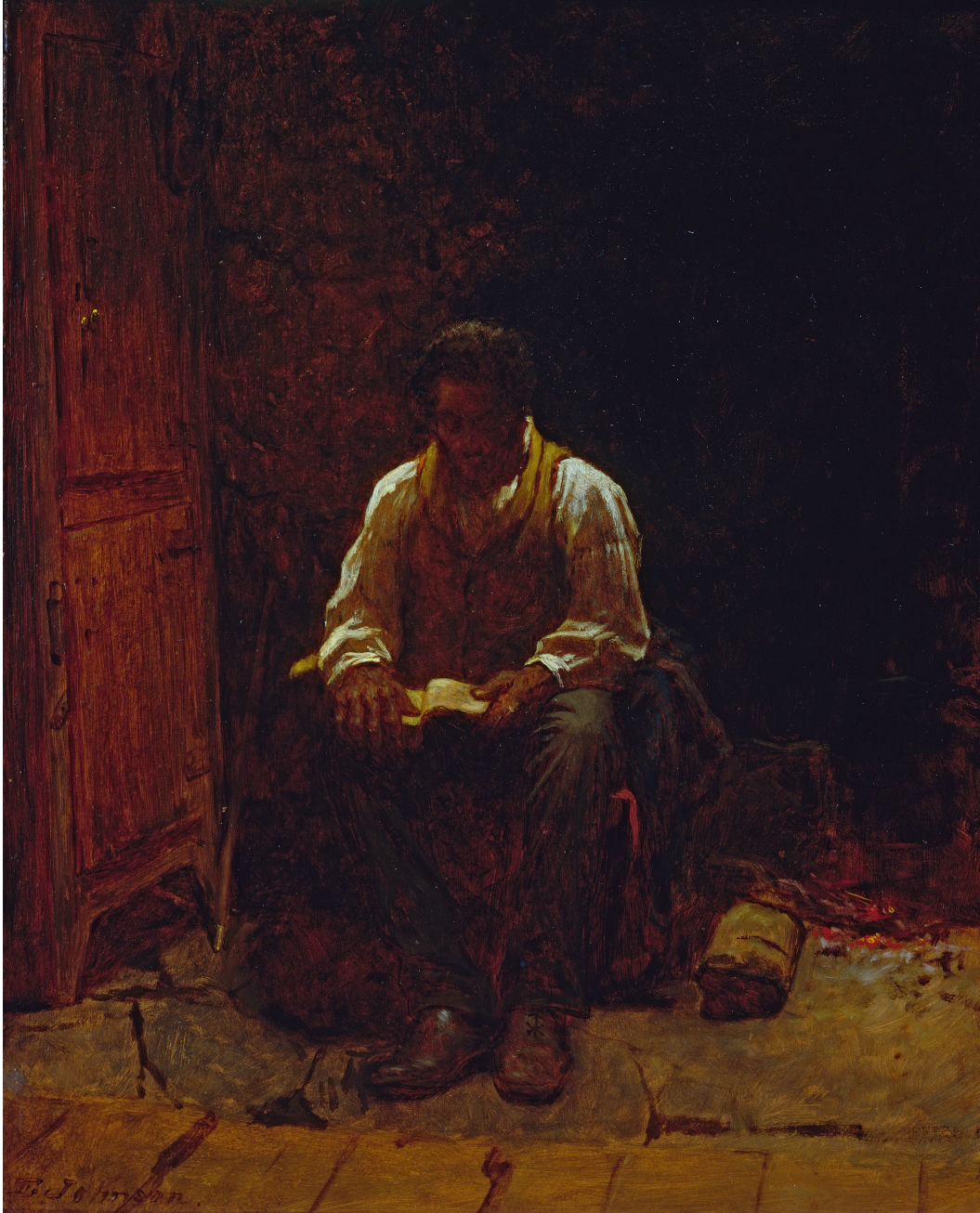


Fourth Sunday of Easter



May 3, 2020



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

We know that Christ is raised

Hymnal 296



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and



more. Em - braced by death, he broke its
death. Re - born, we share with him an
life. The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the
grows As Christ's new bod - y takes on



fear - ful hold, And our de - spair he turned to
East - er life As liv - ing mem - bers of our
Church of God. Bap - tized, we live with God the
flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and



blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sav - ior Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!
Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!
whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Romans 6:4, 9; John B. Geyer, b.1932, ©
Tune: ENGELBERG, 10 10 10 with alleluia; Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;

BCP 299

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 225

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

Lector A reading from Acts.

Those who had been baptized 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

said together in unison

Psalm 23

- 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.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

Lector A reading from First Peter.

It is a credit to you, if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

BCP 299

Officiant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism.

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

All are invited to touch or sprinkle water in remembrance and renewal of baptism.

Then the Officiant continues

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*
and "A Litany Amidst the COVID-19 Outbreak" by Michael Kurth

Reader Most merciful God, we know that you are with us and that you unite us through your Holy Spirit. In peace, let us pray, saying, "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

For Christ Church and every congregation throughout the world, that we give you praise and place our trust in you, becoming beacons of hope, faith, and love. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For the leaders of our church, Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie our bishop; for Emily, David, and Anthony our priests; for Chip our deacon; and for all who minister: fortify them to be faithful pastors, to persevere in prayer, and to build up the family of God in new and creative ways. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those in authority, especially Donald our president, Gretchen our governor, Michael our mayor, and leaders throughout the world: help them to make sound decisions to best secure our safety and the future of our planet. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For first responders; for doctors, nurses, and hospital staff; for service industry workers and those forced to work as their community shuts down; for those experiencing financial loss and uncertainty of wages. We pray especially for *Anna Basse, Michael Clay, Joe Dib, Shawna Goodfellow, Pam Groh, Androni H., Antonia H., Jay Harnois, Margaret Lally, George Mashour, Beth Niblock, Ian Osbourn, Concetta P., Ryan Tyler, Mark V., Rosemary V., Anna VanToai, Stephen Wilbert, and the Greenfield Health Care employees.* (People add names silently or aloud.)

Keep them safe, grant them strength and hope, and provide for them daily bread and wage. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those directly infected with the virus, for those at high risk, for those in quarantine, for the marginalized, for the poor, and for all who suffer in any way, especially *Pat Ald, Shirley B., Barbara Baseley, Booker, Jocelyn Burrell, Harold Cherry, Ellie Collard, David Dieter, Chip Dischinger, Emma, Marcus England, Michael F., Vincent Faust, Charles Hawkins, Emily Hill, Alisa LeDuc, Betty Locke, Monique McGraw, Megan, Joe Miller, Carl Pfadt, Kathleen S., Len St. Jean, Fernella Sterling, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter, Carol Ann Watson.* (People add names silently or aloud.)

Help them recover in good health, and restore them in body, mind, and spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For the gifts of joy, wonder, and love, which we savor and celebrate especially in times of struggle. We pray for those having birthdays this week, especially *John Leney, Michael Esse, Katherine Brandon, John Staif* and those we now name. (People add names silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We remember especially Brigitte Meide, Chris Stangland, all who have died from COVID-19, and those we now name. (People add names silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

VESTRY GREETING

OFFERTORY

BCP 377

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Please give generously at christcd.org/online-giving
or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

PRESENTATION HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below, alleluia; alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia; alleluia!**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*from the Book of Common Prayer
and St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)*

Officiant In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our beloved Christ Church, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for all the blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Let all of us who desire communion now pray,

All **I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)

Officiant Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength. Be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways for your Name's sake. Conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness, and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the flourishing of your children and the growth of your kingdom. In your triumphant Name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Officiant May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
 is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
 all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
 or a guest, but like a child at home.____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23

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ABOUT THE MUSIC AND ART

At a glance, the art on the cover, *The Lord Is My Shepherd* by Eastman Johnson (1824-1906), depicts a man reading a Bible in solitude, coming to the scripture for strength, a scene to which we can all relate especially in these turbulent times of social distancing for the prevention of COVID-19. Johnson painted *The Lord Is My Shepherd*, oil on wood, in the spring of 1863, shortly after the Emancipation Proclamation on New Year's Day of that year. It is part of the collection at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, where its gallery description reads, "The simple act of reading was itself a political issue. Emancipation meant that blacks must educate themselves in order to be productive, responsible citizens. In the slaveholding South, teaching a black person to read had been a crime; in the North, the issue was not 'May they read?' but 'They must read'" (<https://americanart.si.edu/artwork/lord-my-shepherd-11494>).

During that same year, our beloved sanctuary, in which we dearly miss gathering, was nearing completion. Taking cues from this image—of studying scripture, of basing our faith upon the Word, of following Jesus, our Good Shepherd, toward protection and liberation, let us consider: What do we miss? Where do we find strength and hope? Which social and political systems are out of balance, and how, as we yearn to return to our sanctuary and to other beloved places of community, might we seek the justice and health of every human being?

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