



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.

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We invite you to join us and one another in worship. Since we cannot physically gather together in the space we all love so much, we gather together in different spaces, different homes, perhaps even different provinces: But we gather together still connected, and still in hope. Throughout this service you may follow along and pray and sing aloud, in the same ways you usually would. We hope this time together uplifts you and reminds us all that we can and will always come together in prayer.

## Welcome

Steven Mackison

## ✠ The Easter Greeting

Officiant: Roshni Jayawardena

*Priest:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*Priest:* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People:* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

## Gloria: #227 (Gather)

Led by Mike & Jill Daley



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-migh-ty God and



Fa-ther. We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord, God,



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our

prayer, re - ceive, re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the  
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - men. A - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*Douglas Smith*

They 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.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Acts 2.42-47

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Hymn: #519 (Common Praise) "The Lord's My Shepherd" *Led by Dan Norman & Lorelle Angelo*



1. The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want: he makes me  
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to  
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I  
4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence  
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly



down to lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the  
walk doth make with - in the paths of right - eous - ness, even  
fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and  
of my foes; my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and  
fol - low me, and in God's house for ev - er - more my



TEXT: Ps. 23, para. Scottish Psalter, 1650.  
MUSIC: Melody Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-1887).

qui - et wa - ters by.  
for his own name's sake.  
staff me com - fort still.  
my cup ov - er - flows.  
dwell - ing - place shall be.

## Second Reading

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

*Sara Lawson*

For 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.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

1 Peter 2.19-25

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Song: “Gotta Serve Somebody” – *Bob Dylan*

You may be an ambassador to England or France  
You may like to gamble, you might like to dance  
You may be the heavyweight champion of the world  
You may be a socialite with a long string of pearls

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes  
Indeed you're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

You may be a state trooper, you might be a young Turk  
You may be the head of some big TV network  
You may be rich or poor, you may be blind or lame  
You may be living in another country under another name

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes you are  
You're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

You may be a preacher with your spiritual pride  
You may be a city councilman taking bribes on the side  
You may be workin' in a barbershop, you may know how to cut hair  
You may be somebody's mistress, may be somebody's heir

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes  
You're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

Might like to wear cotton, might like to wear silk  
Might like to drink whiskey, might like to drink milk  
You might like to eat caviar, you might like to eat bread  
You may be sleeping on the floor, sleeping in a king-sized bed

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes  
Indeed you're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord

## The Gospel

Susan Haig

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 10.1-10

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

Steven Mackison

*We pause for music and meditation by Mike and Jill Daley*



Hymn: #444 (Common Praise) "Your Hand, O God, Has Guided"



1. Your hand, O God, has guid - ed your flock from age to age; the  
2. Your her - alds brought glad tid - ings to great - est as to least; they  
3. When shad - ows, thick - ly fall - ing, en - gulfed the world in night, you  
4. And we, shall we be faith - less, shall hearts fail, hands hang down? Shall  
5. Your mer - cy will not fail us, nor leave your work un - done; with



won - drous tale is writ - ten, full clear, on ev - ery page. Our  
bade them rise, and has - ten to share the roy - al feast; and  
sum - moned forth your ser - vants, your mes - sen - gers of light. On  
we e - vade the strug - gle and cast a - way the crown? Not  
your right hand to help us, your peo - ple shall be one; and



fore - bears owned your good - ness and we their deeds re - cord, and  
this was all their teach - ing, in ev - ery deed and word, to  
them and on your pe - ople your plen - teous grace was poured, and  
so; in God's deep coun - sels some bet - ter gift is stored: the  
then, by all cre - a - tion, your name shall be a - dored, and



both of this bear wit - ness: one church, one faith, one Lord.  
all a - like pro - claim - ing one church, one faith, one Lord.  
this was still their mes - sage: one church, one faith, one Lord.  
cov - e - nant of prom - ise - one church, one faith, one Lord.  
this shall be their anth - em: one church, one faith, one Lord.

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## The Prayers of the People

*Sheree Drummond*

*Leader:* Let us pray to our Good Shepherd, that we may hear God's voice. Gracious One, we pray for the whole church, incarnate beyond the confines of buildings and gathered together even in the midst of our isolation from one another. Help us to hear your voice amidst the clamour of fear and uncertainty. Guide us that we may speak words of hope to all who follow you and to those who seek a faith they cannot find. The Lord is my shepherd:

*All:* **I shall want for nothing.**

*Leader:* We pray for the world we inhabit: being mindful of the world which we have inherited and intentional about the world that we will leave for our children. Sovereign One, teach us to cherish all that you have given into our care, that we may share our resources more freely and work together to ease its sufferings. Guide the leaders of the nations that they may learn the ways of sacrifice, serving and supporting all whom they call their own. The Lord is my shepherd:

*All:* **I shall want for nothing.**

*Leader:* We pray for the sick and the suffering, for the vulnerable and the weak. We pray for those who depend on others for their needs. Merciful One, you show us the way to care for one another. As we see human need growing in the midst of crisis, give us the courage and grace to respond with the depth of compassion you have shown to us. The Lord is my shepherd:

*All:* **I shall want for nothing.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who have died and those who mourn. Eternal One, we commend all who have walked through the valley of the shadow of death into your endless care. We pray for those who grieve a loss this day. In their moments of despair fill them with a holy and certain hope, that they may be reunited with those they love in life-everlasting with you. The Lord is my shepherd:

*All:* **I shall want for nothing.**

*Leader:* Holy One, we give you thanks that you sent your son that we may have life, and have it abundantly. Accept these prayers for the sake of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*All:* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**



Hymn: #677 (Gather) “Send Me, Jesus”

*Led by Will Reid*

Send me Jesus, send me Lord.  
Lead me Jesus, send me Lord.  
Fill me Jesus, send me Lord.

## **The Dismissal**

*Priest:* Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## **Announcements**

*Steven Mackison*

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