



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

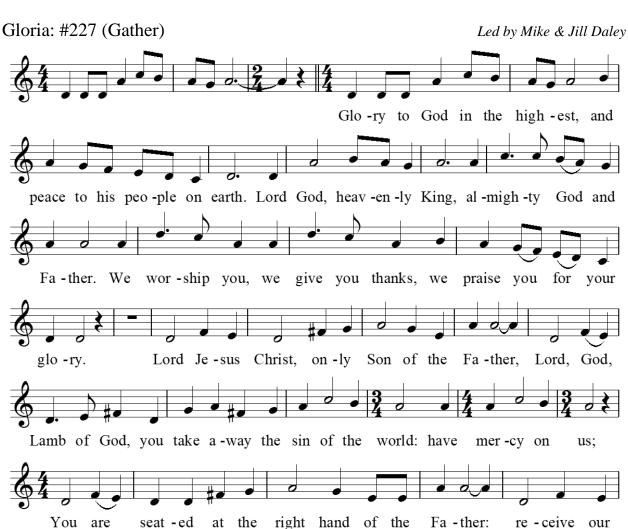
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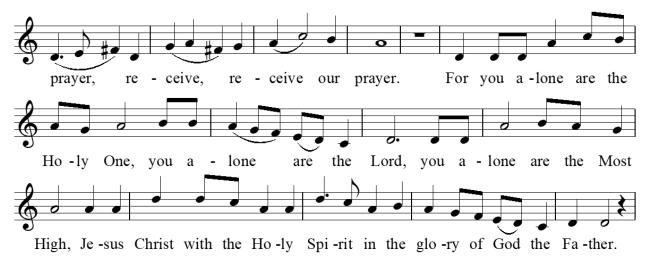
*Priest:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

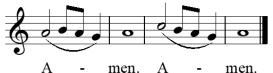
**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.







Music: A Community Mass, Richard Proulx, © 1971, 1977, GIA Publications, Inc.

### 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

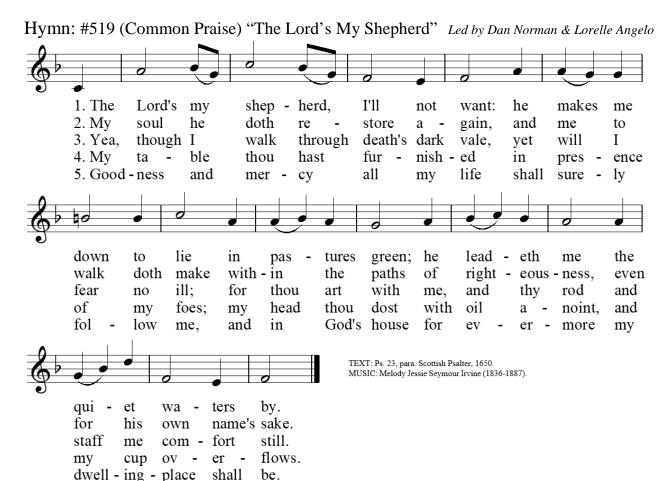
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods 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



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



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



# 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.

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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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