



St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, New Jersey



An Abbreviated Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
with Spiritual Communion
A Celebration of our Children and their Families

Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter:
Good Shepherd Sunday

Opening Hymn (*please stand and prayerfully read the text as the cantor sings alone.*

During the singing of the hymn, the people are asperged with holy water in remembrance of their baptisms)



1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
 4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
 5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for



1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by
 2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for
 3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for
 4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and
 5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy



1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

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Music: *Crimond*, melody Jesse Seymour Irvine (1836-1887); harm. *Hymnal* 1982

Priest: + Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

All: The Lord is Risen, Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in excelsis *(Remain standing: sung by cantor)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the + glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day *(Remain standing)*

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.***

The Lesson (1 John 3:16-18) *(Please be seated)*

Ian Soos

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.

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

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

Read by all following the priest

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.

Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand)*

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and they hear my voice.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of our + Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "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." *John 10:11-18*

The Gospel of the Lord./ *All: Praise to you, O Christ.*

The Homily

Father Robert Laws

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(Please kneel or stand)*

Ian Soos

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for God's children. Through our Good Shepherd, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings to God, saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the world that God has made, that God would help us to protect and care for all God's creatures, we pray to you, O God of Love. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our nation, that God would inspire us to work for peace and justice for all, we pray to you, O God of Love. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the Church throughout the world, that God would help us to spread God's love and mercy to all people, we pray to you, O God of Love. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the sick, the lonely and all who suffer, that God's healing grace would surround them and bring them to wholeness, we pray to you, O God of Love. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, that they may rest in peace with all of the saints in Light, we pray to you, O God of Love. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In the communion of Blessed Mary- the Mother of God, St. Martin, and all the saints, we offer our praise and thanksgiving to God, who has joined us together as one family. God of Love, ***hear our prayer.***

Priest: O God, the Good Shepherd of your people, free us from the free us from sin and protect us from all evil, that all we do and say may be pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Peace and The Offertory Sentence

(You may be seated during the Offertory hymn. Please remember that only the cantor is permitted to sing, but you are encouraged to prayerfully read the lyrics. Please stand as the Thurifer turns toward the Nave to cense the people. It is customary to bow to the Thurifer as he bows to you before and after the censuring)

The Offertory Anthem: *Shepherd of My Soul*

Choir

The Liturgy of the Altar *(Please stand)*

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*
Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Loving Creator, for all the wonderful things you have done. We thank you for everything that is beautiful in the world, for the earth you have given us as our home, and for all of the people who live in it. We know that you are good. You sent Jesus, your Son, to be a friend to the poor, to show us how to love you by loving one another. And so we praise you, raising our voices with the Virgin Mary and all of the saints and angels, and our loved ones in heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he + who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

(Please kneel or stand)

Holy and gracious Father: you are holy and loving, and we want to show you we are grateful for your goodness to us. We bring to your Table our gifts of bread and wine, in thanksgiving for all you have done for us. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, they may become the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

On the night before he died, Jesus was having supper with his friends. He took bread from the table, and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said: take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper ended, Jesus took the cup that was filled with wine. He thanked you, gave it to his friends and said: take this all of you and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

And so, Loving God, we remember how Jesus loves us: we remember his death, and we praise you that he is Risen and lives in our hearts. Welcome us to your table and help us to welcome all your children to share this heavenly food with us. And gather us at the last day with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin, and all of the Saints, into the joys of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

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

The Fraction

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

An Act of Spiritual Communion *(prayed silently by those who watching online)*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen. Lord Jesus, come dwell in my heart.

Because of Covid restrictions, Holy Communion will be administered in one kind- the body of Christ only (although both the Body and Blood of Christ are present in the consecrated host.) Please stand at your seat with hands extended to receive Communion as the priest passes. Please do not consume the host until the priest has gone to the next pew.

Communion Hymn

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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Post Communion Prayer *(Please kneel or stand)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn (*Please stand*)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has four vocal parts with lyrics. The second system continues the melody and harmony. The third system concludes the hymn with a final 'Al - le - lu - ia!' and a double bar line. The bass line in the third system ends with a fermata and the number 8.

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er,
2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to
3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the

death, ap - pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know
Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide,
love shall sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell
world is giv - en: may we go where he has gone,

thou, O grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
glo - ry to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
tear us from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
rest and reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

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