



Sung Mass  
 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
 Good Shepherd Sunday  
 May 8, 2022, 10:30 am

St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
 Bridgewater, NJ

*Please stand to sing*

**Opening Hymn and Asperges:**

*Welcome, Happy Morning vv. 1, 3*

*Hymnal 1982, 179*

Alleluia, Christ is Risen. *The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia.*

**Glory to God**

*Wonder, Love and Praise (Rutter)*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, —

— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God,

heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, — we wor-ship

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —

(senza Ped. ad lib.)

(Ped.)

(♩ = ♩ of preceding - same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —

Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, —  
Fa - ther, —

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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. — For  
Fa - ther: re - ceive  
Fa - ther: re - ceive

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.

### The Collect of the Day

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

*Please be seated.*

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*

*The cantor sings the antiphon, and then the people repeat it. The cantor sings the verses.*

*Ant: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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

He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters. (Ant)

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

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. (Ant)

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.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## A Reading from Revelation

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." I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.  
The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## The Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand as able*

*The Alleluia is sung by a Cantor, then repeated by all.*



*Verse:* I am the Good Shepherd, says

the Lord. I know my sheep, and my sheep know me. *Alleluia is repeated*

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.*

*Alleluia is repeated*

## **The Homily**

### **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**

*Remain standing, or kneel*

In hope and gladness, let us pray to God, who gives Life to all.

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That those who lead and those who serve in the Church throughout the world, especially William, our diocesan bishop, may be refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory, We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That those who are preparing to make their First Reconciliations and First Communions, especially Daniel and Sean, will be filled with God's love and grace, We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That those who lack food, work, shelter, or medicine may be blessed with provision, We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That war, famine, and plague may cease in all the world, especially in Ukraine, We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That the light of God's presence may be revealed to the sick, the weak, and the dying, to comfort and sustain them, especially Evelyn, Doug, Zhenya, Anya, Linda, Chris, Rachel, Mike, Mary, Audrey, Dwight, and Bonnie's grandson. We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That, according to God's promises, Robert and all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant* O God, worker of wonders, you made this season for joy and gladness, yet you also know the needs that weigh upon our hearts: Hear, therefore, the prayers we bring to you, and grant us grace so to recognize the Risen One in our midst—the Christ now entered into glory, the firstborn from the dead, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Peace** The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*  
*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Welcome**

*Please be seated.*

**Offertory Choir Anthem** *The Shepherd of My Soul*

*Joseph Swain*

*O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight,  
On whom in affliction I call.  
My comfort by day and my song in the night,  
My hope, my salvation, my all.*

*Where dost Thou, dear Shepherd, resort with Thy sheep,  
To feed them in pastures of love?  
Say, why in the valley of death should I weep,  
Or alone in this wilderness rove?*

*O why should I wander, an alien from Thee,  
Or cry in the desert for bread?  
Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrows they see,  
And smile at the tears I have shed.*

*He looks! and ten thousands of angels rejoice,  
And myriads wait for His word;  
He speaks! and eternity, filled with His voice,  
Reechoes the praise of the Lord.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Offertory Hymn** *Shepherd of Souls*

*Hymnal 1982, 343*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Please continue standing or kneel as you are able.*

All-holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! When sin had scarred the world, you entered into a covenant to renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced your people and filled them with longing for a peace that would last, and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, our Savior, the living bread in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though he himself would die. And with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms on the cross and surrendered his spirit for our salvation.

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and gave you thanks, O God. He broke the bread among his disciples, and said, Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine, and again he gave you thanks and praise. He passed the cup among his disciples, and said, Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Gracious God, we plead with confidence the sacrifice of Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Eternal God, we offer you these earthly gifts of bread and wine. Let your Holy Spirit move in power over them and sanctify them, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your dear Son. Sanctify us also, and unite us in one body into the likeness of your Christ. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all people will be free, all divisions healed, and in union with The Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, prophets, martyrs, St. Martin of Tours, and all your Saints, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

**Fraction Anthem** *Christ Our Passover*

*Hymnal 1982, S 155*

## **Invitation to Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are they who are called to his Supper.

*All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. If you are not baptized and feel drawn to a relationship with Jesus Christ, you will not be turned away, but you are encouraged to speak to the priest about how the Sacrament of Baptism can help you begin and/or deepen a relationship with Christ and the Church. If you prefer not to receive Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference for a blessing.*

**Communion Hymns** *Jesus Our Mighty Lord*

*Hymnal 1982, 478*



1 I hope my mo - ther will be there, in that beau - ti - ful  
 2 I hope my sis - ter will be there, in that beau - ti - ful  
 3 I hope my bro - ther will be there, in that beau - ti - ful  
 4 I know my Sa - vior will be there, in that beau - ti - ful

world on high, \_\_\_\_\_ that used to join with  
 world on high, \_\_\_\_\_ that used to join with  
 world on high, \_\_\_\_\_ that used to join with  
 world on high, \_\_\_\_\_ that used to lis - ten

me in pray'r, in that beau - ti - ful world on high.  
 me in pray'r, in that beau - ti - ful world on high.  
 me in pray'r, in that beau - ti - ful world on high.  
 to my pray'r, in that beau - ti - ful world on high.

*Refrain*

Oh, I will be there, oh I will be there. \_\_\_\_\_  
 With the palms of vic - to - ry, crowns of glo - ry you shall

wear, in that beau - ti - ful world on high. \_\_\_\_\_

## Post-Communion Prayer

*All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father; send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

## The 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.*

## The Dismissal



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*People*  
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Closing Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*Hymnal 1982, 708*

## Serving Today

Thurifer: Michael Maloney    Crucifer: Fausto Beleno

Reader: Marilyn O'Reagan    Eucharistic Ministers: Br. Philip Muniz

Choir: Alison Jandek, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin    Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+