



# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Good Shepherd Sunday

April 30, 2023, 10:30 am

St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater, NJ

*Please stand to sing*

**Opening Hymn and Asperges: *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus vv.1,2* Hymnal 1982, 495**

Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

*In 2* *f*

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

peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -

- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

*poco rit.*

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

*a tempo* *mp* *poco cresc.*

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. 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.

**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.*

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. *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 23**      *The cantor sings the antiphon, and then the people repeat it.*

*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 for ever. **(Ant)**

### **A Reading from First Peter**

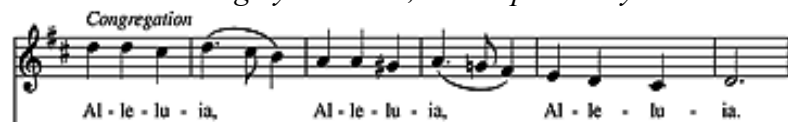
It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered 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. *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 they know me. *Alleluia...*

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.** *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. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily**

**The Nicene Creed** *Please stand*

**BCP, 358**

**The Prayers of the People** *Remain standing, or kneel*

**BCP, 385**

**The Peace and Welcome**

*Please be seated*

**Offertory Anthem Psalm 23**

**Philip R. Dietterich**

*The congregation is asked to join in on the refrain. The choir will sing it first and then the people join in when it is repeated.*

**Congregation: *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want***

**Offertory Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us* *Blue Hymnal, 708***

*Please stand*

The Great Thanksgiving: Sursum Corda

***Blue Hymnal, S120***

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 - en 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. The Eucharistic prayer continues BCP, 371*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, (Our Father... **BCP, 364**)

**The Fraction and Fraction Anthem *Christ Our Passover***

*Hymnal 1982, S 155*

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Hymns**



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;  
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;  
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

***Shepherd of Souls***

*Blue Hymnal , 343*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer, 365*

**The Blessing and Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn *Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing* vv. 1,4**

*Blue Hymnal , 205*

**Serving Today**

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Alex Kellam Reader: Carl Picazio

Euch. Min: Br. Philip Muniz Choir: Alison Jandek, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Today 4-6 PM Canticles for Life: An AIDS Benefit Concert presented by the Triad Arts Ensemble  
(Finger Foods needed for the reception. See Alison)**

**Sunday May 7 (following Mass) Welcome Brunch for visitors and newcomers  
Please join us for a time of fellowship as we take some time to get to know those who are new to the parish. Everyone is welcome. Please see Alison if you can bring a dish to share.**

**Sunday May 14 Lady Day and Mother's Day  
May is dedicated to Our Lady Mary. We will end the Mass with special prayers and devotions to Our Lady.  
Mass will be followed by a special coffee hour to honor all Mothers.**