



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

April 26, 2026, 10:30 am

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, NJ

Opening Hymn: *Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus, vv.1, 2, 4*

Blue Hymnal, 495

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

Gloria (said together)

*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*

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.*

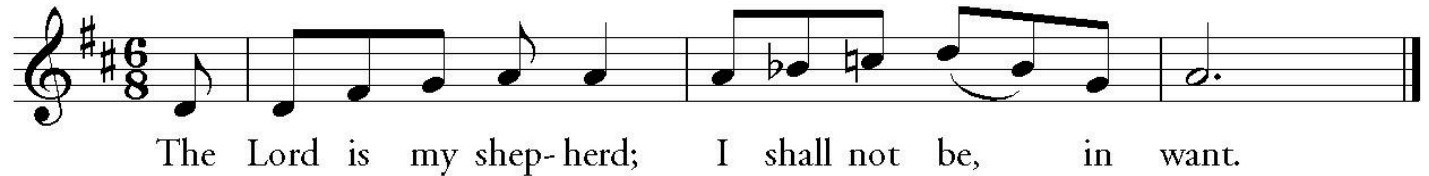
A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

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

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.

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.

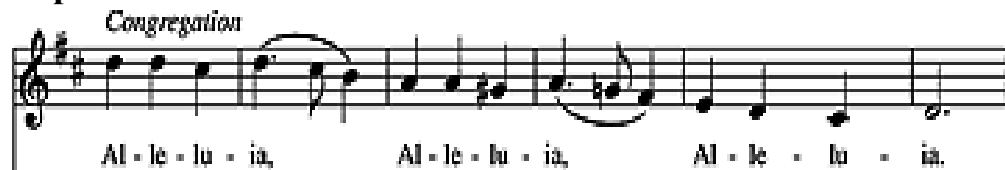
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. **Antiphon**

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.*

Gospel Acclamation



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, Welcome, and Vestry Announcements

Offertory

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: All People Who on Earth Do Dwell

Blue Hymnal, 377

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, 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:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some triplets in the final two staves.

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
Invitation to Communion

Blue Hymnal S 155

Behold the Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they who are called to his Supper.
The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

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!

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Blue Hymnal, 317

Post-Communion Prayer
The Blessing and Dismissal

Book of Common Prayer, 365

Closing Hymn: *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Blue Hymnal, 708

A very warm welcome to our visiting celebrant, Father Andrew Calandriello

Serving Today

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Crucifer: Nick Persson Lector: Carl Picazio

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Picazio

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Andrew Calandriello

Vestry Rep: Todd Hendrickson