

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

April 30, 2023 8:45am

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Shepherd Me, O God

Text: *Psalm 23*; Music: Marty Haugen

Refrain

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Verse 1: God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Verse 2: Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Verse 3: Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Verse 4: You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Verse 5: Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Opening Hymn

Come Now is the Time to Worship

Brian Doerksen

Chorus 1

Come now is the time to worship. Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God

Come

Verse 1: One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now

Verse 2: (ALTERNATE VERSE)

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives. Willingly our knees will bow

With all our heart soul mind and strength we gladly choose You now

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Matt Baumler

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

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 Lessons

The First Reading: *Acts 2:42-47*

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day 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, ⁴⁷praising 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 Psalm: *Psalms 23*

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 forever.

The Second Reading: *1 Peter 2:19-25*

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If 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. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Alleluia

Celtic Alleluia: Christopher Walker

The Holy Gospel: *John 10:1-10*

[Jesus said,] ¹"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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Alleluia response

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Presider or deacon

. . . we pray to Lord.

Response **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

I Will Follow

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

Misc 1: (Intro) Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay. When You move I'll move. I will follow. Oh oh oh

Verse 1: All Your ways are good, All Your ways are sure. I will trust in You alone, Higher than my sight; High above my life. I will trust in You alone

Chorus 1: Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay. When You move I'll move. I will follow You. Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve. If this life I lose. I will follow (You)

Misc 2: (Interlude) Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2: Light into the world. Light into my life. I will live for You alone. You're the One I seek. Knowing I will find, All I need in You alone, In You alone.

Misc 3: (Bridge) In You there's life everlasting. In You there's freedom for my soul. In You there's joy unending joy. And I will follow.

Misc 4: (Ending) Yeah I will follow You yeah. I will follow You yeah. I will follow You yeah.

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

American Folk Hymn - Elswick

People ***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. Hosanna in the Highest.***

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father. . .

. . .Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption. . .

. . .Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

The Table

Tomlin/Cash/Jolley

Verse 1: I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table.

Chorus: Come all you weary come and find His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore At the table of the Lord (At the table of the Lord)

Verse 2: There is peace at the table of the Lord. There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table

Verse 3: There is healing at the table of the Lord. There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

Verse 4: I'm invited to the table of the Lord. I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says come just as you are to His table

Bridge: I know He has a place for me. Oh what joy will fill my heart With the saints around the mercy seat of God

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Easter Blessing

Closing Music

Go Forth in His Name (vs. 1, 2)

Graham Kendrick

Chorus

Go forth in His name Proclaiming Jesus reigns. Now is the time for the church to arise and proclaim Him Jesus, Saviour Redeemer and Lord.

Verse 1: We are His children, the fruit of His suff'ring. Saved and redeemed by His blood, Called to be holy A light to the nations, Clothed with His power, Filled with His love. Chorus

Verse 2: Countless the souls that are stumbling in darkness. Why do we sleep in the light Jesus commands us to go make disciples. This is our cause, This is our fight. Chorus

Verse 3: Listen the wind of the Spirit is blowing, the end of the age is so near. Powers in the earth and the heavens are shaking. Jesus our Lord soon shall appear. Chorus

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Go Forth in His Name (verse 3)



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