

**St. James' Episcopal Church**  
**May 7, 2017**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

**Our mission is “*to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.*”**

**A warm welcome to visitors, tourists, seekers and doubters,  
immigrants, refugees, the lost and the found...and you!**

**We are glad you are here.**

Rite II, The Book of Common Prayer  
BCP= Book of Common Prayer (red), found in the Pew Rack  
Words are found either in the BCP, or are printed in this bulletin.  
Music is found either in the 1982 Hymnal (blue), or is printed in this bulletin.  
Music with an S- is found in the Service Music in the front of the hymnal  
*Please sit, stand or kneel as you are able.*

## **Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Prelude**

*The King of Love my Shepherd is*

**St Columba  
Arr/ Eugene Englert**

#### **Opening Hymn**

*The King of Love my Shepherd is*

**Hymnal 646  
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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord.

#### **Gloria**

**Hymnal S-278  
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#### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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**

**Acts 2:42-47**

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 23**

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## **The Epistle**

**I Peter 2: 19-25**

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual**

*Sung before and after the Gospel reading.  
Led by Anni and Josh Messner*

## **The Gospel**

**John 10: 1-10**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

**People: 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.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Carol A. Mader**

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**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**

Celebrant: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,  
and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church  
of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin, our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishop, Wendell,  
and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city of Dexter, for the communities in which we live, for every city and  
community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,  
let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the  
wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space,  
let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and  
for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,  
and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for  
all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without  
suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of St. James and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves,  
and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

### **Presentation of Bibles**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

*Celebrant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Doxology** *(please stand as you are able)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
 praise God all creatures here below,  
 praise God above all heavenly host,  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing.*

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing

**Sanctus**

**LEVAS 255**

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*The Celebrant continues*

*(the people may stand or kneel)*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness,  
 and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor,  
glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymnal S-149**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**      *A period of silence is kept*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Ministration of Communion

*The Celebrant receives the Sacrament, and then immediately delivers it to the people. All baptized persons of any denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the people with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

*The ushers will direct you to the altar area. You may receive both bread and wine or elect to receive the bread alone. Rice wafers are available for people with allergies. Receive the bread in your hand and guide the cup to your mouth. Place your arms across your chest if you do not wish to receive but would like to accompany your family. A blessing will be given.*

**Communion Hymn**      *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

**Hymnal 343**  
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*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**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.**

### **The Easter Blessing**

May Almighty God,  
who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord,  
bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life,  
make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer,  
bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and those you love,  
this day and always. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

**People's Response :**

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

**Closing Hymn**

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

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**Postlude**

*Allegro in G Major*

**J.S. Bach**

**The King of Love my Shepherd is**

**Hymnal 646**

**Gloria**

**Hymnal S-280**

## **Psalm 23**

**Sanctus**

**Levas 255**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymnal S- 149**

**Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless**

**Hymnal 343**

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us**

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