

May 3, 2020

**Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford**

10 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday  
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Prelude: Prelude on St. *Columba* op. 101.6

C. V. Stanford

Welcome & Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Opening Hymn #178** Jesus is Lord o'er all the earth

*Alleluia No. 1*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.**

**He is the King of creation.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:**

**Jesus has died and has risen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.**

**We have been crucified with Christ.**

**Now we shall live for ever.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.**

**Come, let us praise the living God,**

**Joyfully sing to our Savior.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.**

Collect for Purity

*BCP, p.355*

**Hymn of Praise: Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum***

*BCP, p.83*

**Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again! \***

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \***

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \***

**And alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord, Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

**Collect of the Day** *Prayed together:*

**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 Word of God*

First Reading:

Acts 2:42-47

They 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 Lector concludes:* The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** *Prayed responsively.*

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**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 for ever.**

Second Reading

1 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, where is the credit in 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 Lector concludes:* The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #645 The King of love my shepherd is**

*St. Columba*

**The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth.**

**And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.**

The Gospel: *The Gospeller*: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 10:1-10

*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 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 Gospeller concludes*: The Gospel of the Lord. *People respond*: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

*Harrison West†*

### Nicene Creed

**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.**

Prayers of the People:

Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Remembering especially the clergy and people of St. Peter's in Monroe, St. Mark's in Mystic, St. Michael's in Naugatuck, and in the Anglican Communion, the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Holy Catholic Church of Japan). Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishops Ian and Laura, our Rector Harrison, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Let us pray for your Holy Spirit to inspire with wisdom, decision-making to promote the health and well-being of all peoples, as we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

We pray for those commended to the prayers of the parish; including all affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the homeless and the lonely, for those suffering from addictions, victims of violence, for those serving in the military, and their families; for the unemployed and the underemployed; and for those who are sick and suffering. Have compassion on them and on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Remembering Tom Puciato and all those who have died from the novel Coronavirus:  
Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence.*  
*Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

The Peace  
*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

Announcements and Greetings

## *The Holy Communion*

The Offertory

Offertory solo: The Lord is my shepherd

Sullivan

Leila Mustakos, soprano

**The Doxology: Hymn 380 (vs. 3)**

Presentation of Gifts

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People:* **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer 3

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

*Presider*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places,  
our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.  
You laid the foundations of the world  
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,  
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;  
And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout[sing] with joy:

**(To be sung)**

**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.**

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent;  
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,  
you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.  
Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life,  
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a sacred offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, *you* have freed us from sin, brought us into your life,  
reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us  
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
gave it to his friends and said:  
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."  
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
"Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts  
your earth has formed and human hands have made,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,  
and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed \_\_\_\_\_, and] all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us in the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread  
(To be sung)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Grant us peace.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I would join myself with all those who in your Holy Church offer you the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving., Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and forever. Amen.

Communion voluntary: Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness op. 122.5 J. Brahms

Postcommunion Prayer: *BCP p.365*  
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

Recessional Hymn #708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us *Sicilian Mariners*  
Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us earn thy will;  
Do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us; love us still.

Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Now bless the Lord, my soul BuxWV 214

D. Buxtehude

Today's altar flowers are from our own Church gardens

