

May 3, 2020- Fourth Sunday In Eastertide

SPECIAL MUSIC:

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

(from 2015-Eleanor Tasker)

WELCOME:

OPENING SENTENCES: (based on Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

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

He restores my soul and guides me along right paths for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I 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 anoint my head with oil; my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER:

HYMN:

“The King Of Love My Shepherd Is”

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

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

3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me; and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 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.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

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

LITANY FOR EASTER:

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

From the power of the oppressor and the hardness of our own hearts.

O Lord, deliver us.

In as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

We have gone astray, O Shepherd. You call us to follow, and we hear your voice. Yet, we choose to heed other voices—voices that promise status and comfort and a carefree life. But such promises are empty, and that life does not satisfy. Call to us again, O Shepherd. Summon us onto right paths to pursue justice and mercy in your name, to seek after the well-being of all. Lead us to the table you prepare for us—where rivals share both bread and blessings and discover there is enough for all; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENCE:

Saints of the Lord, the promise of our faith is that the one we entrust ourselves to,

the One who judges justly, who anoints our head with oil,

is also the one who feeds us while our enemies look on,

is the one who delivers us from evil,

and is the one who invites us to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

By God's grace, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: " Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" v.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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.

GOSPEL READING:

John 10:1-10

10 "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.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

MESSAGE:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. Amen.

SHARING IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

INVITATION:

"Come Share The Lord"

Pastor Dave

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: (debts and debtors)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

SHARING IN THE FEAST:

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION:

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN:

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

1 My Shepherd, will supply my need, Jehovah is His name; in pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake His ways; He leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

2 When through the shades of death I walk, Your presence is my stay; one word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with Blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

CLOSING SENTENCES: (from: Stages On The Way; Worship Resources For Lent and Easter)

Glory be to you,

God, our strength and our redeemer.

The vacant cross and the empty tomb vindicate your claim

That the love which suffers is the love that saves.

So fill your people with joy and your Church with celebration that the world will know that Your Holy Son

Jesus is not a dead hero we commemorate,

But the living Lord we worship, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit be our praise forever. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER MEMBERS Roxanne Bobolz, Elizabeth Boyer, Tom & Dawn Braddy & family,
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