



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

Morning Prayer

Good Shepherd Sunday

Choir Appreciation Sunday



Loving God and neighbor, 125 years and counting...

Prelude

Opening Versicle

Book of Common Prayer, p. 80

Officiant Oh Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

All Alleluia. Christ is Risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia.

Invitatory Psalm 67:1-5

Enriching Our Worship, p. 23

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 23

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Lector 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.

Lector Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people

All Thanks be to God.

The Response: A Song of the Wilderness

Isaiah 35:1-7,10, *Enriching Our Worship* p. 32

The Canticle is prayed responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Christian Life

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1 Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt.Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

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The Gospel

John 10:1-10

Preacher 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.”

Preacher Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All Thanks be to God.

The Homily

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.

The Apostles’ Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 96

Please stand, as able and comfortable.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People And listen to our prayer.

Officiant Let us pray.

All 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.

Adapted from the Massachusetts Council of Churches

Intercessor Holy One, Your people know You by many names, we call to You in many languages, hear our common cry:

All Let this plague pass over, for Your will is health and wholeness, and You long for us to be one.

Intercessor We praise You that we have breath left to pray and praise. We give thanks that there is reasonable portion of health in our mind and body this day. You wake us up and put us to sleep, and for this day, we give thanks. We pray especially for all who are sick. We pray for all who have no one to pray for them. We pray for those whose names are known to You alone. Heal us, O God:

All Let this plague pass over, for Your will is health and wholeness, and You long for us to be one.

Intercessor We pray for Needham, and every city and town in this Commonwealth and every place in-between. Cover us, O God.

All Let this plague pass over, for Your will is health and wholeness, and You long for us to be one.

Intercessor We pray for our leaders: for Kate our town manager, Charlie our Governor, Donald our President, our elected and appointed leaders, for all in positions of enormous responsibility. Equip and sustain them, Holy One, for the healing of this nation. Guide us, O God:

All Let this plague pass over, for Your will is health and wholeness, and You long for us to be one.

Intercessor We pray for all on the front lines, wherever those lines are: in grocery stores, emergency rooms, on our roads and behind our screens. We pray for all who are weary and worried and weep this day. Guard Us, O God:

All Let this plague pass over, for Your will is health and wholeness, and You long for us to be one.

Intercessor We pray for ourselves and our people, each community and neighborhood and home, and those without safe place to lay their head. Cover us, with a blessing and protection beyond our comprehension. Hear Us, O God:

All Let this plague pass over, for Your will is health and wholeness, and You long for us to be one.

Intercessor Make us One with You and one another, for there is no other way. Make us one city, one Commonwealth, one people. Make us so mindful of the most vulnerable among us that there is no need that we do not bear together. Repair us, O God:

All Let this plague pass over, for Your will is health and wholeness, and you long for us to be one.

Intercessor Grant us courage for the living of these days. Give us patience to endure what cannot be avoided. Make us resilient and make us one. Oh God, we long for resurrection. Redeem us, O God:

All Let this plague pass over, for Your will is health and wholeness, and You long for us to be one.

Intercessor We pray in the name of the Great Physician, Jesus the Christ. Alleluia, Amen.

The Collects (Prayers)

Collect of the Day

Officiant 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 Collect for the Human Family

Book of Common Prayer, p. 815

Officiant O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Mission of the Church

Book of Common Prayer, p. 100

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The people offer their prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud or using the chat feature on Facebook.

The General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, p. 101

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn on next page.

Hymn 205 (stanzas 1, 3, 4, and 5)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Tune: *Gelobt sei Gott*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Concluding Blessing

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now, and always. **Amen.**

Postlude

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) and The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu - Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our regional canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

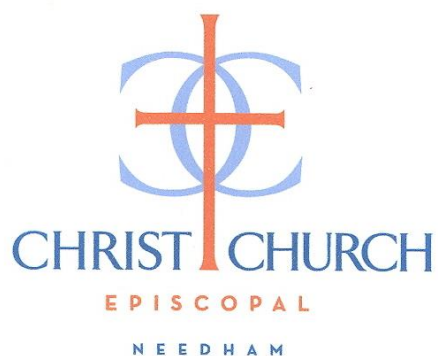
This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Parishes of the Concord River Deanery: St. Anne's in-the-Fields Church, Lincoln; St. Paul's Church, Natick; Trinity Chapel, Shirley; St. Mark's Church, Southborough; and, Congregations: Acolytes

Altar flowers today are given in memory of: Lee D. Smith, Edward S. Mentzer, Pamela Trussell Duggan, Robert McCabe, and Lillian and Ernest H Gould.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Congregation Church of Needham and the Needham Police Department.

Your prayers are requested for John, James, Nick M., Gayle, Marianne and family, Linda Evans, and for all serving our country – especially, remembering Sean, Ian, Jack, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

*We are refreshing the prayer list for Eastertide.
Please email the office with your prayers (office@ccneedham.org).*



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