



May 8, 2022: The Fourth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

Organ Prelude

Hymn Prelude on "The King of love"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Opening Hymn 645, stzs 1, 2, 5, and 6

The King of love my shepherd is

Tune: *St. Columba*

Collect of the Day at 10 a.m.

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 First Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23, King James Version

The Psalm is reading responsively breaking at the asterisk ().*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures *

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul;

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

4 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.

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

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

6 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.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Gospel

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

The Lord is my shepherd

Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)
Edition: Charles Raines (b. 1952)

Soloists:

Rachael Murray, mezzo soprano

Lisa Correnti, soprano

See today's psalm, Psalm 23, for the lyrics.

Music During Communion

Hymn Prelude on "The King of love, my shepherd is"

Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000)

Closing Hymn 334

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Tune: *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

Organ Postlude

Bell Symphony (from *Rejoice in the Lord, always*)

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The altar flowers today are in loving memory of:

Sandy Conrad and Louise Higgins given by The Conrad Family

Isabel Nickerson given by The Nickerson Family

Your prayers are requested for Fran M., Mary S., Kathryn and family, Kim F., Eva and her family, Priscilla T., Kenna C., Pat H., Sam, Elizabeth, Sunrise, Michael G., Janet, Bill C., Thomas, Gail, Sarah, Bill E., Ann, Linda F., Ellen, Gavin, Nancy, Sara, and Mike. And prayers for all serving our country – especially, remembering Brian, Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Tim, and Andrew.

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; Jennifer, Pastor at MANNA; 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 Concord River Deanery: St. Mark's Chapel, St. Mark's School, Southborough; St. Elizabeth's Church, Sudbury; St. Peter's Church, Weston; and The Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild and all Altar Guilds. In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Congregational Church of Needham and the Needham Police Department.

THOSE WHO SERVE

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Coffee Hour: Lesley Day, Charlotte Morgan, and Barbara Hurley

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