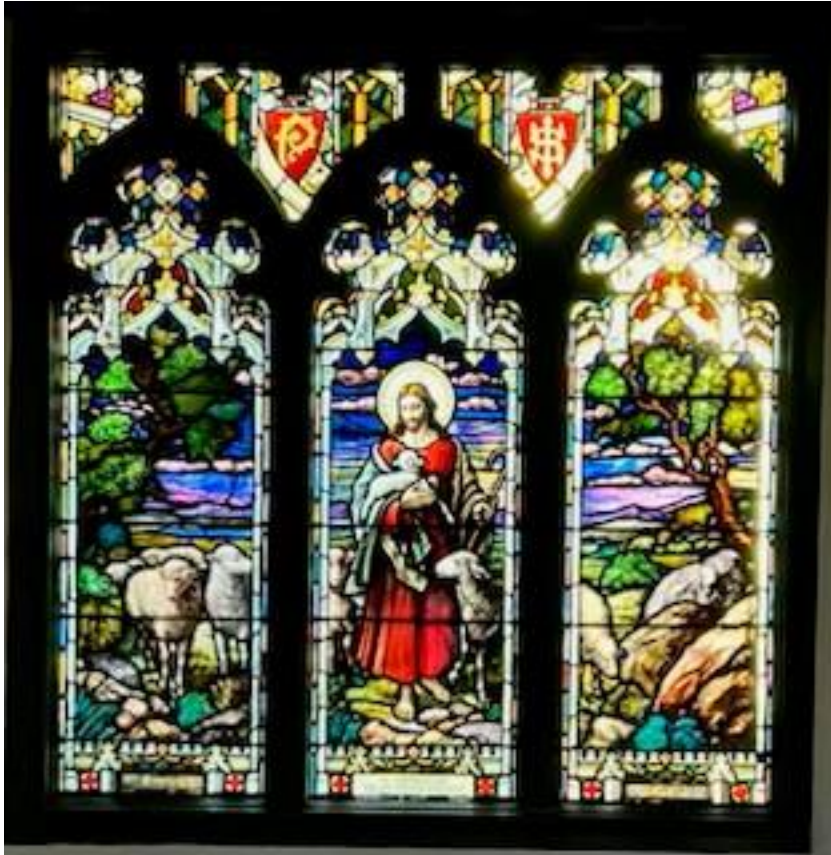


CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Member of The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 21, 2024

10:00 AM Rite II

Join us on Facebook as we live stream this Eucharist:

www.facebook.com/cgsreading/live/

Wherever you are on your journey with God or toward God, you are welcome here!

Prelude Morning Has Broken Gaelic Melody/arr. H. Hopson

Welcome

Gathering Song My Shepherd Will Supply My Need **Hymnal #664**

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

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. **Amen.**

Gloria

Hymnal #S278

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: 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.**

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned

today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

We will read in Unison

**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 forever.**

(King James Version)

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: *John 10:11-18*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah A. Conner

The 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 BC

Leader: Let us joyfully offer our prayers to the Lord:

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

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Alan and Carol, our Bishops, Martha, our Regional Canon, Sarah, our Interim Priest, our Rector Search Committee, and for all the clergy and people.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give special thanks for those in our parish family who are celebrating birthdays this week: Margaret Dolban, Ruth Schubarth, Jane Hannon, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Drew and Mary Dolben, Tony and Jill Silva. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give to the departed eternal rest. We remember Rheta McKinley, in whose memory the altar flowers are given; Peter Vincent, in whose memory the Sanctuary Lamp is lit; and Roy Serrentino, whose funeral was held yesterday at Good Shepherd.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Presider adds a concluding collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Invitation:

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

Preparation of the Table The Lord is My Shepherd

Bob Chilcott

Easter Doxology

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

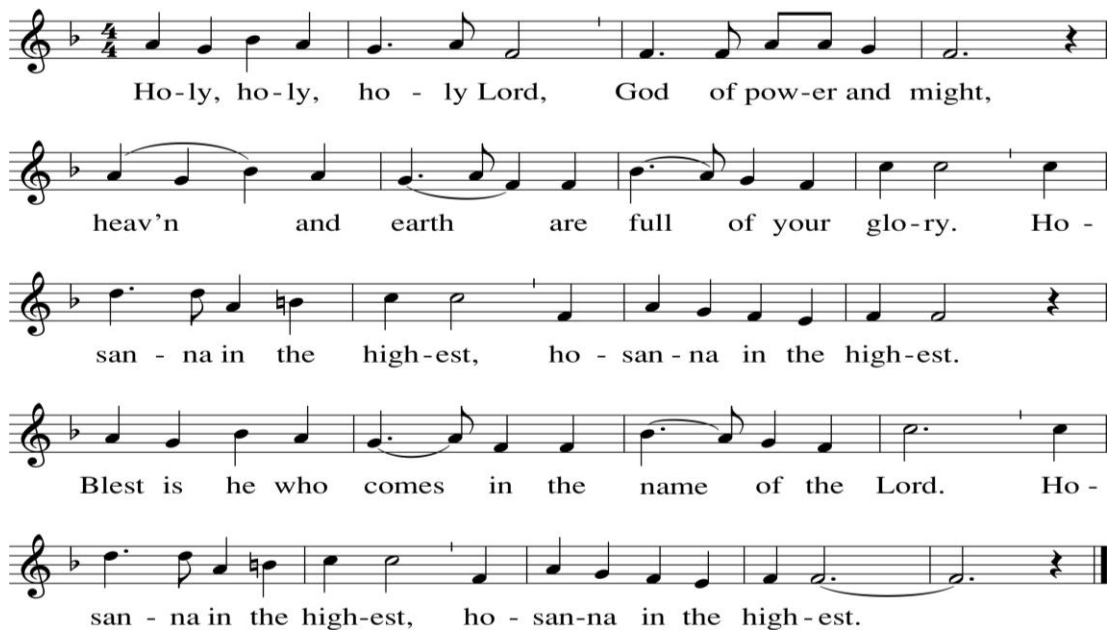
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and ever where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

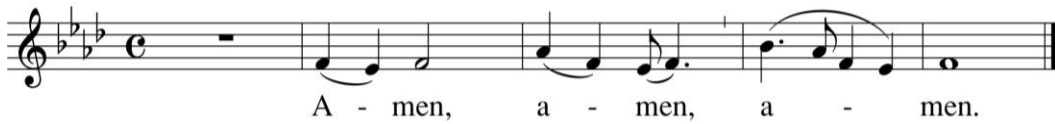
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please let the priest know if you need a gluten free wafer.

Communion Hymns:	Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless	Hymnal #343
	Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing	Hymnal #334

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray
Please stand

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 Blessing

Presider: The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Recessional

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymnal #518

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

Postlude

Sinfonia

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Annual Spring Auction: Our theme this year is “**Take Me out to the Ballgame**” – Don’t miss this fun filled evening of great fellowship, great food and fun activities! Sign up sheet is on our bulletin. See our flyer at the back of this bulletin.

Funeral Planning: Next Sunday, April 28, Sarah will lead a brief session on funerals in the Episcopal Church, and funeral planning. We will gather in the room next to the office at 11:15. A planning form will be available; you may take it home and fill it out at your convenience, if you wish.

Reading Food Bank: Drop off on Sunday or during office hours. There is a box in front of the side altar New Needs List: Laundry Detergent, Tissues, Pancake syrup, mayonnaise, solid white tuna in water, Market Basket Gift Cards.

Bread of Life: The next in person volunteer day will be Friday, May 3, at First Baptist Church, 493 Main St., Malden (no April volunteer day). Volunteers urgently needed. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact Sharon and Tony Lopes at 978-710-6927, or via email, lopesantonio622@gmail.com.

Bread of Life Sponsors for April: Barbara Carney and Peggy Cox.

The Bargain Box: The Bargain Box hours are every Friday, 10am-3pm, Saturdays, 10am-1pm. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesdays, from 9am-12pm, or during the store's open hours. **Donations are down!** Please help us by cleaning out your closets before we close for the month of July. For more information contact Martha at jacksnana1@verizon.net or 781-944-6964. **This month our designated charity is Reading Food Pantry.**

For Your Prayers This Week: Rebecca Bellistri, Jennifer Bryson, Kim Chabot, Jennifer Chapman, Ruth Clogston, Joe Field, Jack Giordani, Pete Jeffrey, Gene Kilpatrick, Paul Marean, Chick Meech, Rhonda & JB Miller, Bonnie Morin, Mark Mueller, Mary Muir, Joan Paradis, William Paradis, Kevin Parziale, Greg Powers, Sam Rosendale, Judy Royce, Antonio Santos, Liz Sorrentino, Terry Swanson, Bill Webb.

Birthdays this Week: Margaret Dolban, Ruth Schubarth, Jane Hannon

Anniversaries this week: , Drew and Mary Dolben, Tony and Jill Silva.

Book of Remembrance: Bruce Parelee, Doris King, Marion Waller, Marian Todd, James Dunningham, Frances Forrest.

Altar Flowers: In memory of Rheta McKinley, given by her family.

Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Peter Vincent, given by his family.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Churches of the Concord River Deanery*
Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton, St. Andrew's Church, Ayer, Trinity Church, Concord, St. Andrew's Church, Framingham, Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.

Today's Lay Ministers in Liturgy: Lector: Neil Kelly; Ushers: Martha Wishart, Jane Adriani; Altar Guild: Jane Farrar; Flower Delivery: Brenda Woodbury; Lay Eucharistic Minister: Spencer Dalby

Medical Emergency: *If there is a medical emergency during worship, please notify one of our ushers. An AED is located in the hallway, and they have a phone available to dial 911*

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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD 2024 ANNUAL AUCTION

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME
MAY 18, 2024

95 Woburn St., Reading, MA 01867
Potluck & Concession Stand 6-7PM – LIVE AUCTION 7-9PM

Activities: Wine Raffle – Winner takes all!
Cobalt Creations Boutique
Mock Baseball game

Raffle: Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Get your baseball and hit a home run!
\$20 per baseball or 6 baseballs for \$100!



1st Prize \$750, 2nd Prize \$250, 3rd Prize Gift Basket

How can you help?



Donate auction items or services.
Sign up to bring an appetizer,
Main course or dessert. Join us!

For additional information, contact the church office at 781-944-1572 or
Email at office@goodshepherdreading.org or our auction chair, Susan
Buckley at 617-968-4877 or susan.m.buckley@gmail.com