



# *Good Shepherd Sunday*

being the Fourth Sunday of Easter

3 May 2020 AD

A LITURGY OF THE WORD

*with Spiritual Communion*

Prelude

**Hymn 199** “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness:  
loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
2. ’Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days’ sleep in death as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.
3. Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus’ resurrection.
4. Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:  
but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing  
that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity*

*Prayer Book page 355*

*Then follows a hymn of praise.*

**Hymn S-280**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*The Collect is prayed.*

*Prayer Book page 225*

## **Lesson**

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Acts 2:42-47

*The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]*

## **Gradual Hymn 646** “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 for ever.
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 spread'st 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 for ever.

## **Epistle**

*A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.*

1 Peter 2:19-25

*The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]*

## **Sequence Hymn 174** “At the Lamb's High Feast”

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred Blood for wine,  
gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.  
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4. Easter triumph, Easter joy, these alone do sin destroy.  
From sin's power do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise:  
risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be.

## **The Holy Gospel**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.]*

**John 10:1-10**

*The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]*

**The Sermon** *silence follows the sermon*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Prayer Book page 358*

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**

*The Leader concludes each petition with: we pray,  
And everyone responds: **Hear us, living God.***

**The Peace** *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

## **Hymn 477** "All Praise be Yours"

1. All praise be yours, for you, O King divine,  
Your rightful glory freely did resign  
That in our darkened hearts your grace might shine. Alleluia!
2. You came to us in lowliness of thought;



- By you the outcast and the poor were sought,  
And by your death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!
3. O Jesus, let your mind within us be,  
For you were servant that we might be free  
And humbly stooped to death on Calvary. Alleluia!
4. Therefore you are, by God's eternal vow,  
Most high exalted o'er all creatures now  
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia!
5. Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord  
In heav'n and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
And God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia!

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Prayer Book page 364*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*Officiant and People pray the Lord's Prayer*

### **Invitation to Spiritual Communion**

*The Officiant offers an invitation to the People of God for spiritual communion.*

### **The Blessing**

*A Blessing is offered to God's People.*

### **Dismissal**

*Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.*

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

### **Postlude**



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### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*When we are unable to receive the Bread and Wine of the Holy Sacrament the following prayer may be said.*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your abiding love. Amen.

*A fuller expression of Spiritual Communion may be found at [messiahmb.org](http://messiahmb.org) under the "Library" tab.*