

Welcome to St. George's
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer on-line Service

Please introduce yourself as you arrive and feel free to chat with others. Once the service starts, we will mute your microphone so everyone can hear the service.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone else by name, send us a prayer request via the chat box marked:
Prayers-Susan

There will be welcome and a brief introduction at 10:27am.

A prelude will begin the service at 10:30.





THE FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
AN ONLINE SERVICE OF
MORNING PRAYER
Sunday, April 25, 2021
10:30am

Prelude

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (BWV 633)

(Dearest Jesus, we are here)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

(Played by Helmut Walcha (1907-1991))





Opening Responsories

Officiant: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me. (John 10.14)

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Officiant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

People: **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.**

Gloria

Healey Willan (1880-1968)



Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Officiant: O God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All:* Amen.**



Psalm 23

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1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.**

New Testament Reading

(Read in French)

***Reader:* A Reading from the St. John's First Letter
(1 John 3.16-24)**

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.

Reader: Acclamons la Parole du Seigneur.

People: Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

A moment of silence is observed.

HYMN 217

Christ the Lord is Risen Again



A Reading from the Gospel of John (John 10.11-18)

'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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



A short time of silence is observed to ponder the readings and psalms.

Homily: The Rev. Deborah Noonan



Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant: I believe in God,

People: the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and 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.

HYMN 520

The King of Love My Shepherd Is





The Prayers of the People

Leader: We pray to the good shepherd, who always hears the prayers of his people.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayers for the church are offered

Leader: As we listen to your voice, help us to bring in those you have called.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Good Shepherd, we pray for the world and the world leaders, that they have a desire to be shepherded by you.

Prayers are world are offered.

Leader: We pray for the missions and outreaches to those in need. We ask you provide for those in need.

Lord, in your mercy.

***All:* Hear our prayer**

Leader: Good Shepherd, you have touched and healed many, we ask you heal those who need your healing touch.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Prayers for the sick are offered

Leader: In our everyday work, be present to help us be bring a healing presence to other.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: Good Shepherd. Thank you for walking with those whose early life is coming to an end.

The names of those who have died are offered

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

***All:* And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

***All:* Amen.**

Leader: In the twilight years and the facing of death, in lives well-lived and now breaking into eternity, in the broken hearts of those who mourn their beloved.

Lord, in your mercy,

***All:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Gracious God,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the Kingdom of your risen Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

***All:* Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

People: **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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

HYMN 529
All My Hope on God is Founded





Blessing

Priest: God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

Deacon: Go in the peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



POSTLUDE

Epigram 7 (from a set of 9)

Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967)

Played by *Philip Crozier* – Organ of Altenberg Cathedral, Germany

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- Mid-week Online Worship Wednesday @12:15pm
Bible study on same link immediately follows.
- Take Note! There is a new Educational Evening Series:

Wholeness and Holiness: Reconciliation in the Church and in the World (Online)

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