

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Good Shepherd Sunday St. Alban's Episcopal Church May 3, 2020

Our Mission: *We are called by the Spirit to be transformed by God in heart and mind, to serve our community, UCLA, and the world as the Body of Christ. We will grow in faith, hope and love through the practices of worship, formation, compassion and hospitality.*

Opening Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God and King” – vs. 1,4,7



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Gloria



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al- mighty- y God and Fa- ther. we wor- ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise— you for— your glo - ry. Lord Je- sus— Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -
ceive our prayer. for you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly— Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther— A - - men.

The 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.

People: *Amen.*

The First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

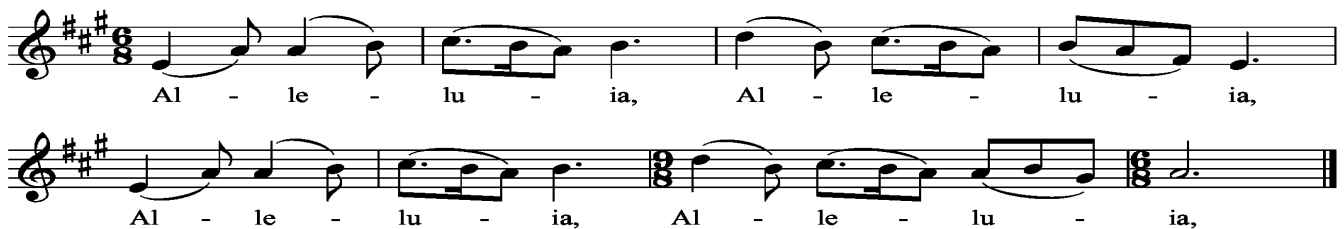
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The Gospel

Gospel Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (10:1-10).

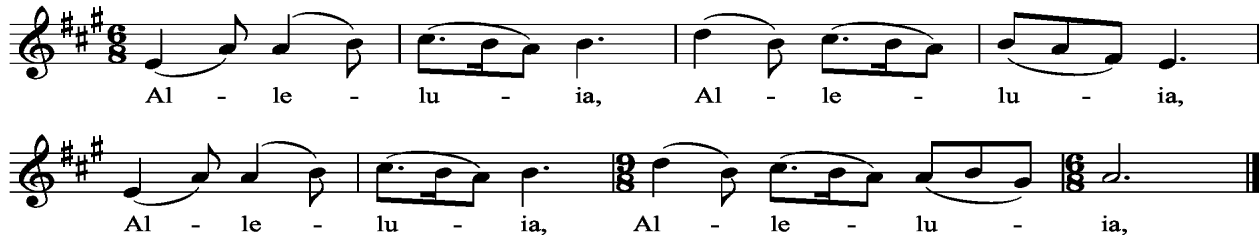
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.



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."

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



The Sermon

The Rev. Robert Honeychurch

Musical Meditation

Aria

Herbert Howells

The Nicene Creed

Reader: Let us join in affirming our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

People: *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.

The Prayers of the People

Adapted from *Intercessions for Christian People*

Reader: In the power of God’s new life, revealed in the Risen Lord, we pray to the Lord.
O God, you have blessed with faith those who see your presence in the wounded hands and feet of Jesus. You have also blessed with faith those who have not seen, yet believe your Gospel. We give you thanks for the faith you have given us, and we pray that we may share with---and be--- the good news for people everywhere. Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: Turn the eyes of the leaders of the nations to envision a new world in which swords are turned into plowshares, and where justice reigns.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: As the earliest Christians held all things in common, and shared their abundance with the needy, give us the spirit of generosity in all things. Help us to overcome hunger and homelessness among the human family. Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For prisoners and hostages, for those in mental anguish, for the sick and suffering, especially for * Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the leaders of the Church; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for John and Diane, our Bishops; for Bob, our Interim Rector, and Yein, our Rector-Elect; for the vestry, staff, and leaders of our congregation. Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who has triumphed over death, they may find light perpetual and eternal love, especially for * Lord in your mercy,

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: O God, we thank you for revealing to us the mystery of resurrection, of life springing up in the midst of death. Help us to be Easter People, bringing into being works of justice and peace that your world and its peoples may flourish. In Jesus' name we pray,

People: *Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd, Psalm 23

Franz Schubert

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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 Mazurka*, Sicilian melody, from *The Ecumenical Magazine and London Review*, 1792

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the light of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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