



Sunday May 3, 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer: Rite Two
St. John's Episcopal Church, Bangor, Maine

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening sentences

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and 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.

Then follows the Pascha Nostrum, said in unison.

The Antiphon may first be sung or said with it.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven,
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *
death hath no more dominion over him.
For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ is risen from the dead, *
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death, *
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Psalm 23

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse

- ¹The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ²He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴Though 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.
- ⁵You 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 forever.**

At the end of the Psalms is said in unison

**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.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson (Acts 2:42-47)

A Reading from Acts of the Apostles:

They 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.**

Canticle 18 A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es*

Splendor and honor, majesty and power,
are yours, O Lord God, fount of every blessing,
for by your bidding was the whole creation called into being.
Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,
by whose self offering we are made God's people:
a priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations, called to God's service.
To the Almighty, throned in heav'nly splendor,
and to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,
be adoration, praise, and glory given, now and forever.

The Second Lesson (1 Peter 2:19-25)

A reading from the first letter of Peter:

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 645, v. 1, The King of Love my Shepherd is



1	The	King	of	love	my	shep-herd	is,	whose	good-ness
2	Where	streams	of	liv-ing	wa-ter	flow,	my	ran-somed	
* 3	Per-	verse	and	fool-ish	oft	I	strayed,	but	yet in
* 4	In	death's	dark	vale	I	fear	no	ill	with thee, dear
5	Thou	spread'st	a	ta-ble	in	my	sight;	thy	unc-tion
6	And	so	through	all	the	length	of	days	thy good-ness



1	fail-eth	nev-	er;	I	noth-ing	lack	if
2	soul	he	lead-	eth,	and	where	the ver-dant
3	love	he	sought	me,	and	on	his shoul-der
4	Lord,	be-	side	me;	thy	rod	and staff my
5	grace	be-	stow-	eth;	and	oh,	what trans- port
6	fail-eth	nev-	er:	Good	Shep-herd,	may	I



1	I	am	his,	and	he	is	mine	for	ev-er.
2	pas-tures	grow,	with	food	ce-les-tial	feed-	eth.		
3	gent-ly	laid,	and	home,	re-joic-ing,	brought	me.		
4	com-fort	still,	thy	cross	be-fore	to	guide	me.	
5	of	de-light	from	thy	pure	chal-ice	flow-eth!		
6	sing	thy	praise	with-	in	thy	house	for	ev-er.

The Third Lesson (John 10:1-10)

A reading from the Gospel according to John:

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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, 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.**

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and 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.**

Then follows this set of Suffrages

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collects

The Collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter

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

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

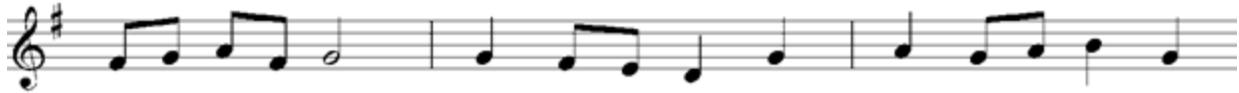
A Collect for Mission

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Office Hymn 495, v. 1 *Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus*



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The People respond, "Lord, have mercy"

The General Thanksgiving, said in unison

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Anthem at the Collection

Concerto in D major, Franz Anton Hoffmeister (1812)

Sophia Steadman, Soloist

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Scripture reflection – The Rev. Marguerite A. H. Steadman, Rector

Final Prayer and Blessing

Let us Pray *in unison*

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name. So now, gather and send us; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. Amen.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us Bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Postlude

Parish Prayer list

For the Church - Our Anglican Communion and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Our Episcopal Church and Michael our Presiding Bishop;
Our Diocese of Maine and Thomas our Bishop, In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - The congregations of Christ Church, Norway and Trinity (Lutheran), South Paris
Our Parish of St. John's Bangor and Rita and Ann our clergy and all our people:

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed – Beth P., Ella D, DeeJ P. Elsa G., Alice F., Eleanor P., Ralph R., Miranda S., Steve B., Kristin W., Siobhan, Elizabeth, Kathleen D., Sam H., Susanna P., Cindy L., Eunice B., David H., Mary Ann T, Ciarra *Continued prayers for* – *Kristin W, Anne L, David B., Michael, +Steven Lane and Family, The Liberty Family, Donna D, David O, Shirley G, Diane, Ray F, and Margaret. Veronica, Ross M., Frank B., Marina N.*

For our Homebound Members – *Evelyn L., Joline F., Kathleen D., Mary, Charles, Robert B., Christa F., Lois N., Lilly P., Earlene B., Nancy W., Eunice B., Cathy K., Betty C. and Eileen H.*

For Everyone affected by the COVID19 virus - all who are sick or dying, especially those at Hope House in Bangor, all who mourn, all who are isolated, anxious, or scared; for those without shelter or food and for all those sacrificing and volunteering to provide safe beds and nutritious meals; for all who are working in essential services, especially our doctors and nurses and all in our health care facilities, for all working in our

grocery stores and supply chains and those who clean and sterilize everywhere; for all who willingly sacrifice their own needs and desires for sake of others' health and well being.

For the World, for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in war-torn places, especially those in those in the Middle East, Afghanistan and Iraq. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For the people of Kenya and all suffering from the locust plague in Africa. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced, especially for children. Pray for those incarcerated, those who love them, and those who minister to them.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Donald Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills, Governor; and Clare Davitt, Mayor - that they govern with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Dillan L., Joshua M., Aaron B., Timothy W.

For the Departed - Norcross (Pete) Teel, Jr., All who have died from the Corona Virus around the world

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week - Gail C., Ralph R., Jane Z., and Mary B.

If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact one of the clergy. Please use this list for your own personal prayers too