

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

11 A.M. ANTE COMMUNION RITE II

Opening hymn	<i>The king of love my shepherd is</i>	645 (hymnal)
Penitential Rite		351 (prayer book)
Gloria		S278 (hymnal)
Collect of the Day		225 (prayer book)

I reading— Acts 4:5-12

Reader: A reading from Acts.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

II reading—1 John 3:16-24

Reader: A reading from First 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Gospel— John 10:11-18

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

**People: Glory to you, O 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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

The Nicene Creed

358 (prayer book)

Prayers of the People— Form 3

387 (prayer book)

Anthem

*My shepherd will supply my need*

664 (hymnal)

The Lord's Prayer

364 (prayer book)

The Peace

360 (prayer book)

Blessing

Closing Hymn

*Savior like a shepherd lead us*

708 (hymnal)

Dismissal

366 (prayer book)

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE— FORM 3**

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; In our parish we pray for Scott & Dawn Warner, Barb Simpson, Pat Yosco

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and DeDe our Bishop.

*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; especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Agnes Morgan, Dottie Carrie, Peter Coyne, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jayce Diaz, John Bedard, Merle Geisler, Judy Murray, Judy Wolf, Jason, Bill, Steven, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella, Neva, Joyce, Mary, Bev, Joe, Frank, John, and Angie.

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; Fern Butler, Barbara, Connie Taft, Bob Coulter, Scott and Diana

*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.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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