



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

April 25, 2021

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Prelude    *Prelude in E flat, Op. 101*, Charles Stanford (1852-1924)

**Sentence:** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.

**Opening Hymn (organ only)**    At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing, vs. 1 & 5

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath 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.

This, our gift of Easter joy,  
sin alone can now destroy;  
from sin's power do thou set free  
souls new-born, 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 GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

### The Collect

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading** Acts 4.5-12

A reading from the Book of 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."

The Word of the Lord.

**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.

## **Second Reading** 1 John 3.16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading** John 10.11-18

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Reflection**      Rev. Shelly

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All**      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.

**Prayers of the People**

## **Confession & Absolution**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*All*        **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you  
from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

*People*        **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn (organ only)** The Lord's My Shepherd, v. 1 & 5

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green: he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* God of loving care,  
you spread before us the table of life,  
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.  
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

***We praise you, O God.***

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

***We bless you, O God.***

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

***We thank you, O God.***

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Source: "Prayers for Worship", *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2006), p. 67-68.

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*All*           **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.**

*Silence*

### **Breaking of Bread 8**

*Celebrant* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All*           **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Celebrant* We were buried in your tomb.

*All*           **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **The Communion**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant* Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

*People* **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come**

**on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* God of steadfast love,  
watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.  
May we who share in these holy mysteries  
come safely to your eternal kingdom,  
where there is one flock and one shepherd.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Doxology & Blessing**

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

*Celebrant* The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God and of his Son,  
Jesus Christ the Lord.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
remain with you and the ones you love  
now and forevermore. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn (organ) Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er, vs. 1 & 5**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
now is the victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee:  
alleluia!

*Rev. Shelly* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Postlude *Postlude in G minor, Op. 101*, Charles Stanford (1852-1924)

# Announcements

**Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom** – Our Virtual Coffee Hour is back at 12:30 PM on Zoom!  
Link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86160988368>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.  
Meeting ID: 861 6098 8368

**Wednesday Service on Zoom** – Our midweek service will take place on Zoom on Wednesday at 10:15 AM. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82287913027>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.  
Meeting ID: 822 8791 3027

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