

Divine Service - Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)

Opening Hymn: 467 ss. 1-7

“Awake My Heart with Gladness”

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.

2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3 This is a sight that gladdens--
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me hath won.

4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,
Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil,
And sin I laugh to scorn.

Grim death with all his might
Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form,
Howe'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's dark thrall;
I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified."

Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

Call to Confession

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

CONG..... But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from
all unrighteousness.

Confession

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CONG..... Most merciful God, we confess that we are by
nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbors as
ourselves. We justly deserve your present and
eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew
us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your
will and walk in your ways to the glory of your
holy name. Amen.

Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to
die for you and for His sake forgives you all
your sins. As a called and ordained servant of
Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive
you all your sins in the name of the Father and
of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

The Introit of the Day

John 10:14, 15b; Ps. 95:1-3, 6-7a

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my
life for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his
hand.

Glory be 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.

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my
life for the sheep.

The Kyrie

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation
let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-
being of the Church of God, and for the unity
of all let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here
their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.

CONG..... *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: 488 “He is Arisen! Glorious Word”

He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, My Lord;
The gates of heav’n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan’s arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is
giving. He was dead but now is living!

PASTOR: Collect of the Day.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Acts 2:42-47

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.
44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common.
45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.
46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,
47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Choir: “Psalm 23”

1 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.
2 My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of blessedness,
E’en for His own name’s sake.
3 Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
4 My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head with oil Thou dost anoint,
And my cup overflows.
5 Goodness and mercy all my days
Will surely follow me,
And in my Father’s heart always
My dwelling-place shall be.
And in my heart forevermore
Thy dwelling-place shall be.

The Epistle: I Peter 2:19-25

19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.
20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.
21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.
22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.
23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself

to him who judges justly.

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Choir: "Sheep May Safely Graze"

Sheep may safely graze and pasture
In a watchful Shepherd's sight.
Those who rule with wisdom guiding
Bring to hearts a peace abiding
Bless a land with joy made bright.

Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.

2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

The Sermon Hymn: 740 ss. 1-3 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

1 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well
provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by
my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and
stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures
leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet
waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's
lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host
attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms
to rest.

The Sermon: The Sheep Hear His Voice Jn. 10:1-10

The Post-Sermon Hymn: 666 ss. 1-4

"O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

1 O little flock, fear not the foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow'r.
And though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints
Lasts but a little hour.

2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise,
Uphold you and His Word.

3 As true as God's own Word is true,
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew
Against us shall prevail.
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God--
Our vict'ry cannot fail.

4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise,
Forevermore. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed (We Confess Together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

The Collect for the Word

PASTOR: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

CONG: Amen.

The Benediction

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

CONG: *Amen.*

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