

Christ Church of Bethany and Woodbridge

Fourth Sunday of Easter (4/21/2024)

Prelude: *Erscheinen is der herrliche Tag* Walther

Announcements

Processional Hymn 645 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

The Word of God, as beginning on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Gloria (S-280)

The Collect

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 Reading from the Book of Acts 4:5-12

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."

Psalm 23

**1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.**

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

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

**4 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.**

**5 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.**

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 for ever.

A Reading from 1 John 3:16-24

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.

Gradual Hymn 581 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (Dundee)

At the introduction of the Gospel, the congregation responds, "Glory to you, Lord Christ"

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to St. John 10:11-18

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."

At the conclusion, the congregation responds, "Praise to you, Lord Christ"

The Sermon

Choir Anthem: *Do You Know Your Shepherd's Voice* Suzanne Lord

Nicene Creed, page 358

Prayers of the People, Form VI (BCP page 392)

The congregation may add their own thanksgivings and petitions, either silently or aloud.

The Lay Minister may remember the altar flower dedications and the prayers for those members of our community and extended community as printed at the bottom of the order of service.

*The Celebrant, if applicable: We especially remember God's servant(s) _____. Give to the departed eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.** May [his/her/their] soul(s) and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, **rest in peace.** Amen.*

The Peace

The Holy Communion

(The choice of the Eucharistic Prayer is at the discretion of the Celebrant)

Offertory Hymn 343 *Shepherd of Souls*

Doxology

The Sanctus

The Breaking of the Bread

Music During the Distribution: *A Shepherd's Medley*

The Post-Communion Prayer, page 365

Recessional Hymn 460 *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

Postlude: *Alleluia Sing to Jesus* Wilbur Held

Participants:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jules Jodko

Musician and Choir Director: Michelle Fraser

Lay Minister: Babs Ross

Lector: Pam Prinz

Altar Guild: Pat Limauro

Video: Pat Ryan

Counters: Ron Marcho and Gail Peabody

Ecclesia Canem: Brother Jesse, CGC

Stewards of the Sacred Space: Ruth Beardsley and Michelle Fraser

Flower dedication:

The altar flowers are given by Pat Ryan in memory of her husband Jack on his birthday

In our Petitions and Thanksgivings:

Jayne Johnson, Madeline Slicer, Doris Beswick, Sandy, Cate Horton, Lisa Caivano, Patricia, Paul, Frankie Sylvester, Pat Ryan, Rosalie Molnar, Steve, Nancy, Margaret Clements, Jeff Boyd, Greg Banks, John Matheson, Owen Horvath, Sharon Patrick, Josephine, William, Kerri Guida, Joan, MaryBeth Vientos, Charlie