



Grace Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020 | 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Ann Strickland

"Good Shepherd" by Nathan Pancholi

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you move in every direction
at once you're worse than
the wind Boss worse than
a rock dropped in the water
here there everywhere that's you
you're like the sunshine always
reaching does it make you happy
Boss you must have fun the way
you dilly dally in the grass
from blade to blade I hear
you laughing I hear you clap
your hands I see what happens
next blackbirds hit the air
the treetops wave goodbye
what a life you have it easy Boss
you put me in stitches how you spin
the stars with just a finger

~ Maurice Manning, *Bucolics* (Orlando: Harcourt, 2007)

Outreach Video

A video message from our ministry partner, Chaplains on the Harbor.

Announcements

A bell rings. We listen to the longing in our hearts.

Gathering Song | Give Peace to Every Heart

Words: Taizé Community | Music: Ann Strickland



Give peace to ev-ery heart, give peace to ev-ery heart. Give peace. Give peace.

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Give peace to ev-ery heart, give peace to ev-ery heart. Give peace. Give peace—

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the gathering song, we stand and sing.

Cantor



Al-le - lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia..

People



Al-le - lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia..

The Officiant proclaims

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

We remain standing and sing together

Opening Song | Amazing Grace by John Newton

Led by members of the Grace Music Circle: Tom Ringo, Dura Curry, Holly White, Harry Carder, & Barbara Hume



1. A maz - ing_ grace how sweet the sound that saved a_ wretch like me_____ I



once_ was lost but now_ am found was blind but_ now I see_____

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved,
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures,
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. Through many danger toils and snares I have already come,
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

God of goodness, you walk with us, shepherding your people. You are the gate. Where we cannot find a way, guide us into freedom. Lead us into safety. Help us to know your voice and lead us to discover paths of rest, healing, hope, and rejoicing. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized 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.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 23

We say the Psalm.

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.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 1 Peter 2:19-25

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.

After the reading, the Reader will say
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song | You are Mine

by David Haas

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you
each by name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you
home; I love you and you are mine.

The Officiant then introduces the Gospel by saying

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel | John 10:1-10

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."

After the Gospel the Officiant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you
each by name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you
home; I love you and you are mine.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

Before the homily, we join Kim in a short conversation with our children, as we say “thank you” and “goodbye” to Liisa Peterson, who moves to Wisconsin this week.

The Homily

Affirmation of Faith

We stand and say

**We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all humanity.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman’s womb, servant of the poor,
he was tortured and nailed to a tree.
Knowing full passion and deep sorrow, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his Kingdom will one day be known.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church.
She is the Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen.**

We gather in prayer.

The Prayers of the People

Please add your intentions to our prayers by including your concerns or thanksgivings in the chat window at each bidding.

Song led by Frankie & Iris Rohan

Ann Strickland, from John 14:27

4 My peace I leave with you my peace I give you. My peace I leave with you my
7 peace I give you. Do not let your hearts be trou-bled, do not be a-fraid, do not
10 let your hearts be trou-bled, do not be a-fraid. Do not let your hearts be trou- bled, do not
be a- afraid. Do not let your hearts be trou-bled, do not be a- afraid.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts at measure 4, the second at measure 7, the third at measure 10, and the fourth continues from the third. The music is a simple, melodic line with a steady rhythm.

Silence

Leader Patient shepherd, reassure all who feel lost, and accompany those who find faith or hope far away. We pray for all in our world who are far from home; for refugees, for those who struggle with addiction, and for anyone who does not have a safe place to rest today.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those in our midst who are afraid, and for those who know anxiety, irritability, or loneliness. Provide for all who are without work, who are hungry, or who are tired. Strengthen all who serve with Chaplains on the Harbor in Aberdeen.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for nations, peoples, and families who are in conflict. Guide our leaders to strengthen the vulnerable, to seek peace, and to protect the earth that sustains us.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader We give thanks for those people in whom, and places in which, our souls are restored.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for those on our prayer list.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
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Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

Offertory

*While we cannot pass the plate in person, please make your weekly offering or pledge payment here:
<https://www.gracehere.org/online-giving/>.*

The Blessing

The Officiant offers a blessing.

May God keep you on your road, the Spirit send blessings upon your head. May Jesus share your heavy load. May God's face shine down upon you. May you feel God's grace. And the blessing of God who was and is and is to come, guide you in paths of peace, growth, and rest, today and always. **Amen.**

Adapted from "May God Keep You" by Ordinary Time

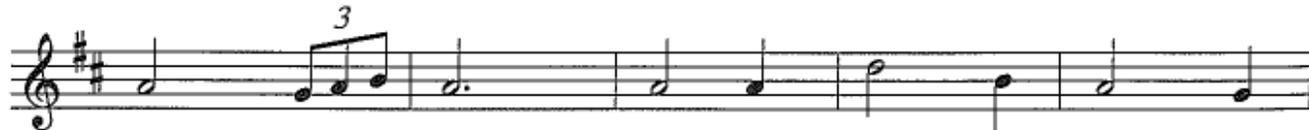
Closing Song | The King of Love My Shepherd is

Words: Psalm 23; Henry W. Baker | Music: ST. COLUMBIA; Gaelic harm. by A. Gregory Murray

Led by Tom Ringo



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. Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in



fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he's lead - ing, And where the ver - dant
love he sought me; And on his shoul - der



I am his, And he is mine for ev - er.
pas - tures grow With food ce - les - tial feed - ing.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Using the Zoom chat window, please share a milestone that we can recognize together.

We will sing, "God Grant Them Many Years."

The Peace

We conclude with the sharing of God's peace.

Officiant Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please stay online to join in a small group for a coffee hour conversation.

Families with children at home are invited to join in this Zoom gathering:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76283360201>

Thanks

Listen

with the night falling we are saying thank you
we are stopping on the bridges to bow from the railings
we are running out of the glass rooms
with our mouths full of food to look at the sky
and say thank you
we are standing by the water thanking it
standing by the windows looking out
in our directions

back from a series of hospitals back from a mugging
after funerals we are saying thank you
after the news of the dead
whether or not we knew them we are saying thank you

over telephones we are saying thank you
in doorways and in the backs of cars and in elevators
remembering wars and the police at the door
and the beatings on stairs we are saying thank you
in the banks we are saying thank you
in the faces of the officials and the rich
and of all who will never change
we go on saying thank you thank you

with the animals dying around us
our lost feelings we are saying thank you
with the forests falling faster than the minutes
of our lives we are saying thank you
with the words going out like cells of a brain
with the cities growing over us
we are saying thank you faster and faster
with nobody listening we are saying thank you
we are saying thank you and waving
dark though it is

~ W.S. Merwin from *Migration: New & Selected Poems* (Copper Canyon Press, 2005)