



ALL SAINTS ' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year B

April 25, 2021

A Virtual Service of Scripture and Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prelude	Improvisation on Ye Sons And Daughters	Jim Roan
	YouTube: https://youtu.be/zRfQ6vLzJHU	
Hymn	Welcome, Happy Morning!	179, Hymnal
	YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOXJodd9yg4	
	St. Luke's, San Francisco	
Opening Acclamations		
Presider:	Alleluia. Christ is risen	
People:	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.	
Presider and People		
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.		
Gloria		S280,
Hymnal		
	YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCGiQEB-RMI	
	Trinity Episcopal Church in Fredonia, NY (where Rev. Kathy's dad grew up!)	

Presider: God be with you.
People: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

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.

An introduction: In this passage Peter and John have been arrested, detained and questioned by rulers, scribes, and elders following a healing. The healed man stands with them. The Holy Spirit inspires Peter to name Jesus as the force for good in this act, but his response is about more than a healing, or even their increasing following among the Jews. Peter positions Jesus as the cornerstone, the salvation for all mortals.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People. **Response: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; *

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of

mine enemies; *

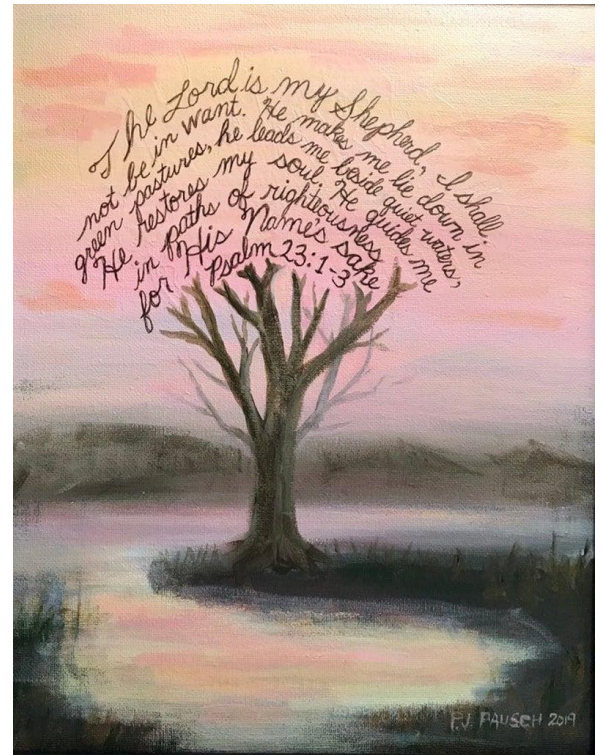
thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days

of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



An introduction: The author of 1 John, has given their readers a clear picture of what love is not--it is not hatred, or envy, not the kind of enmity Cain held for his brother who he murdered. Without love we are, he tells us, as good as dead. In Jesus we find the true path to love, and it is as concrete as being willing to care for one another, to sacrifice in order to ensure that all are well. And this love, must be deep within us, in our hearts and spirits, guided by and set there by the love of Jesus.

A Reading from the First letter of 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 God whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we obey God's commandments and do what pleases God. And this is

God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as Jesus has commanded us. All who obey God's commandments abide in God, and God abides in them. And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit that God has given us.

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Gospel Hymn My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 664, Hymnal

YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgXUSlzeRQ8&ab_channel=MississippiCollegeSingers

Mississippi College Singers

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [10:11-18]

Response: Glory to you, Lord 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 Creator knows me and I know the Creator. 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 Creator 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 the Creator."

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Kathy Boss

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/iaAFwrwzcL8>

Meditation Song The Lord Is Risen To Life by C. P. Mudd
YouTube: <https://youtu.be/6NDWibTJk44>

Jim Roan

Prayers of the People [written by Susanne Watson Epting]

Leader Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! Love reigns! You are life stronger than death. Raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns.

We pray for the Church; for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Rob, our bishop. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember St. Matthew's Church in Goffstown. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan). We offer our joy that we celebrate your glorious resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Envelop your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always.

Leader God of Love and Peace People **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our nation. God of hope, teach us the difference between reaching down and reaching out. Guide the many of privilege who determine the destinies of others. Lead us not only to share our wealth, but to enter with hope into the poverty of those who do not share our good fortune.

Leader God of Love and Peace People **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the whole world. God of creation you have given us a world of glorious diversity. Give us the eyes to see the beauty of your cosmic patchwork. Give us open hearts and the confidence to invite all into the bond of your love, that in unity with you, we may bring your peace and goodness and vision to all people.

Leader God of Love and Peace People **Hear our prayer**

We pray for this community. God who came to earth as one of us, help us see you in each member of this community. Bless the many gifts of our members and keep before us the image of the Servant Jesus, that joined with him we remain ready to kneel with basin and towel before each other and before those you continue to bring into our midst.

Leader

God of Love and Peace People **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who suffer. God of compassion, open our hearts to bind and heal in your name. Bless all of those who ask our prayers, and give us courage to learn the names of others. Be present, through us, to those who need your comfort. We pray especially for the people on our prayer list. Join me if you would like in saying their names: **Jackie Rogers, Liam Ferguson, Ralph Porfido, John B. Avery, Bunny Stoddard, Xondra Smith, Tyler Emerson, Christy McCaulay, Karl Vander Woude, Hank and Jean-Marie Peterson, Jaxson Bagore, David and Deb McRich, Kate, Dave Quinn, Mark Flescher, Noreen Watts, Sherry Sachritz, Jeannine Edwards, Joan Mistretta, Ethel Cooper, Charlena McDufford, Lex Burton, Roxie Bowker, Sandy & Virginia Lyman, Rosemary Hall Evans, Laurie MacGregor, Anna Hayden, Patti Schaffer, Adon Fogg, Sue Wheeler, Pat Cowles, Larry Cormier, Valerie Lowe, Zachary Lemire, Dave Stoddard, Larkin Bryant, Lyle Johnson, Bill Gilmore, Bob Hochstein, Amy and Julian, Don Perlee, Marcia, and Cindy, and for those you name silently out aloud.**

Leader

God of Love and Peace People **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who have died, especially for those who have died serving their country. God who has loved us from before birth and God who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the glorious hope of the resurrection, and we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured with that same hope.

Leader

God of Love and Peace People **Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

Only Boys Aloud

BCP, 364

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaiZQoNqP3A>

Only Boys Aloud is a Wales-based boys' choir founded by choral director Tim Rhys-Evans. Only Boys Aloud finished third in the Britain's Got Talent competition in May 2012 and released their debut album in November 2012.

The Blessing

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/RkNI-7caB6M>

Closing Hymn

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

645, Hymnal

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noTGpDE2FJo>

St. Bartholomew's, New York

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso by Handel

Jim Roan

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/B3G4rKm6gl4>

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Anniversary: Jim & Cathy Roan

Birthday: Olivia Garfield

PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY	11:15 am	Zoom Coffee Hour Click Here for log-in information
Tuesday, April 27th	11:00 am	Centering Prayer - Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Dinner Bell, hosted by St. Rose of Lima - Take Out Only

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider:	The Rev. Curtis Metzger
Preacher:	The Rev. Kathy Boss, Curate
Deacon:	The Rev. Paul Higginson
Readers:	Lisa Beausoleil – Sheelagh Higginson – Hemmie Gilmore
Intercessor:	Bill Belcher
Music:	Jim & Cathy Roan
Videographer:	Cathy Roan

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| • Linda Moore, Seminarian | • Lisa Beausoleil, Junior Warden |

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