

"The Lord is my shepherd.
I shall not want."

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
4th Sunday of Easter
Celebration of Mother's Day with
Renewal of Marriage Vows
May 11, 2014, 10:30 am

Psalm 23:1

We worship today according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two,
beginning on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn:

This Is the Hour of Banquet and of Song.....316

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

Hymn: *Jesus, Our Mighty Lord*.....478

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

The First Lesson – 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 23 (We will recite by half verse, first the right side of
the nave and then the left. We will recite the final verse in
unison.)*

L: The Lord is my shepherd; *

R: I shall not want.

L: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *

R: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

L: He restoreth my soul; *

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

**L: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil; ***

R: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

**L: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; ***

R: thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, ***

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle - 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – John 10:1-10 (the people stand)

Hymn: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*.....645
Verses 1-3

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Hymn: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*.....645
Verses 4-6

Sermon Father Wells

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anniversary of the Marriage of Mike and Elizabeth Harber

Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with Mike and Elizabeth, who have come today to give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

Mike, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Elizabeth in holy matrimony?

I do.

Elizabeth, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Mike in holy matrimony?

I do.

Mike and Elizabeth kneel and say together:

We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days, and bring us to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father Wells then blesses them, saying

May God the Father, who at creation ordained that man and woman become one flesh, keep you one. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond. **Amen.**

And may God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and for ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People (Form VI, page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; for Kee and Santosh, our bishops; for Wells, our priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

Let us pray for **Lynda** Denton, **Thurman** Harris, **Charlotte** and **Lannon** Poole, **Dezsel** Oliver (Kathy Haynie), **Billie** Wilkinson (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Lindsey** Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Kathy** Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten), **Sherry** Gritz (Jean Kerr), **Clifford** Flood (Jean Kerr), **Sally** Kingsley (Hugh Thompson), **John** Graves (Betty Weldon), **Allison** Foggarty (Jimmy Weldon), **Ed** Clayton (Jean Kerr), **Kathy** DeArmond (Jean Kerr), **Phil** Gatusso (Jere Van Etten), **Charlene** Bates (Jean Kerr), **Mavilene** Prentice (Betty Weldon), **Virginia** Nordon (Betty Weldon), **David** Hodges (Amanda Borden), **Cameron** Hornsby (Pam Van Etten), **Jerry** Durham (Barbara Trogdon), **Heather** Flora (Kelli Kerr), **Greta** Sargent (Kelli Kerr), and the others we now name: *(the people here add their own petitions).*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for **Marie** Cleary, **David** Foreman and all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant may add a suitable Collect.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: *My Holy Shepherd*.....SH-50

The Presentation

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p 361)

(Musical Responses in the Hymnal at S 120)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(Father Wells says a Proper Preface)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*.....S 130

The people stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of
silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God*.....S 164

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in
remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in
your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then
immediately deliver it to the people.*

Communion Anthem: *God Is My Shepherd,*
by Antonin Dvorak

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the
Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously
accepted us as living members of your Son our
Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with
spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and
Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and
grant us strength and courage to love and serve
you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn (*the people stand*):
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.....376

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

We are delighted to join Mike and Elizabeth Harber in celebrating today their 25th wedding anniversary. In honor of the occasion,
Mike and Elizabeth are presenting Epiphany the silver chalice and paten we are using for the first time today.

There are two venerable traditions that guide us here: (a) the dedication of chalice and paten is traditionally reserved for the Bishop,
and (b) articles like these are consecrated by being put to the use for which they were intended. Accordingly, we will use the chalice
and paten with joy and gratitude and dedicate them when the Bishop next visits.

Serving at Epiphany this week . . .

Ushers: Jere and Pam Van Etten
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
Lay Reader: Maurice McCord
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Maurice McCord
Refreshments: Elizabeth Harber
Stewards: Cathy Jones and Barbara Trogon

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Ushers: Eddie and Pam Harper
Altar Guild: Jean Kerr
Lay Reader: John Rand
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Jere Van Etten
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