

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist  
May 12, 2019, 10:30 am

Psalms 23:1

We worship today according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, beginning on  
page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**.

## The Word of God

Hymn: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (we stand)*.....645

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.**

*Glory to God*.....S 280

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 (*we sit*)

### The First Lesson – Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was  
Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to  
good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill  
and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a  
room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples,  
who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with  
the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter  
got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took  
him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside  
him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that  
Dorcas had made while she was with them.

Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and  
prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up."  
Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He  
gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the

saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This  
became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in  
the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time  
with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Psalms 23 (King James version)

**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 for ever.**

### The Epistle Lesson – Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one  
could count, from every nation, from all tribes and  
peoples and languages, standing before the throne and  
before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in  
their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the  
throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around  
the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on  
their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are  
these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I  
said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he  
said to me, "These are they who have come out of the

great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Hymn: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (we stand).....664*

The Gospel – John 10:22-30

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

**Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

Sermon                      The Rev. Stephen McWhorter

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.**

Prayers of the People (Form III, page 387 BCP)  
*(We stand or kneel.)*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

Here in our parish, we pray for **Brian Hudson, Jere Van Etten, Greg Dubay, Barbara Trogdon, Laura and Russell Foss, John Haynie, Andy Stricker, Mike Oniffrey, Rachel Meeks, Micah Hart, Dennis Harper, David Hodges, Dwight and Barbara Garnett, Charlie Hayes, Hayes McKay, and the others whose names we call.**

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin (*we stand or kneel*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

## The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: *God Is My Shepherd*

Doxology (*We will use the tune of Hymn 400 – All Creatures Of Our God and King*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!**

## The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

*(The priest 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*.....S 125

### *We 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. We keep a  
period of silence.*

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

Fraction Anthem: *Christ Our Passover*.....S 155

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.

Communion Hymn: *My Holy Shepherd*.....SH 50

*After Communion, we stand or kneel*

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

Hymn: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*.....522

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing  
in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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Join us in the Little House next Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 am, for Cursillo Reunion Group. This is a chance for you to share progress on the journey with other pilgrims. You need not have attended a Cursillo weekend to attend and benefit from reunion group.

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#### **Serving at Epiphany this week:**

Ushers: Mike Rallo and Dana Barlow  
Altar Guild: Betty Weldon  
Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lee Borden  
Refreshments: Lee and Amanda Borden

#### **And next:**

Ushers: Pam and Eddie Harper  
Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten  
Lay Reader: Betty Weldon  
Officiant: Dana Barlow  
Refreshments: Laura Williams