

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God! Please be sure you complete the salmon insert inside your bulletin and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship. All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in **bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service. Large Print Hymns are available. Please see an usher.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on "silent" during the service.



*We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ, to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life, and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Fugue*

Felix Mendelssohn

The fugue is a form of musical composition that has as its main theme a short phrase.

This phrase is then repeated in various forms throughout the piece.

This morning's prelude is fugue by Mendelssohn which is from his Organ Sonata #6.

Please stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN 789 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Glo-ry to God _____ in__ the
high - est, and__ peace to God's peo-ple on earth.__
____ Glo-ry to God _____ in__ the high - est,
and__ peace to God's peo-ple on earth.____ 1. Lord____
God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we____ praise you for your
glo - ry.____ *Refrain* Glo-ry to God, _____ in__ the
high - est, and__ peace to God's peo-ple on earth.____

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on-ly son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther re - ceive
our prayer. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God
in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on
earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
3. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you are the Lord, you are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God

the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God

in the high - est. A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

After this 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."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia,
— Lord, to whom — shall we go? — You have the words



P: The Holy Gospel according to the 10th chapter of John.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Women's Chorale, 8:15am "All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr. By John Rutter

Chancel Choir, 11am "The Lord Is a Mighty God" by Felix Mendelssohn

Lyrics: The Lord is a mighty God and a mighty ruler over all false idols.

SERMON

Pastor Patti Morlock

HYMN 502 "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: P: ...Lord in your mercy, C: **Hear our prayer.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

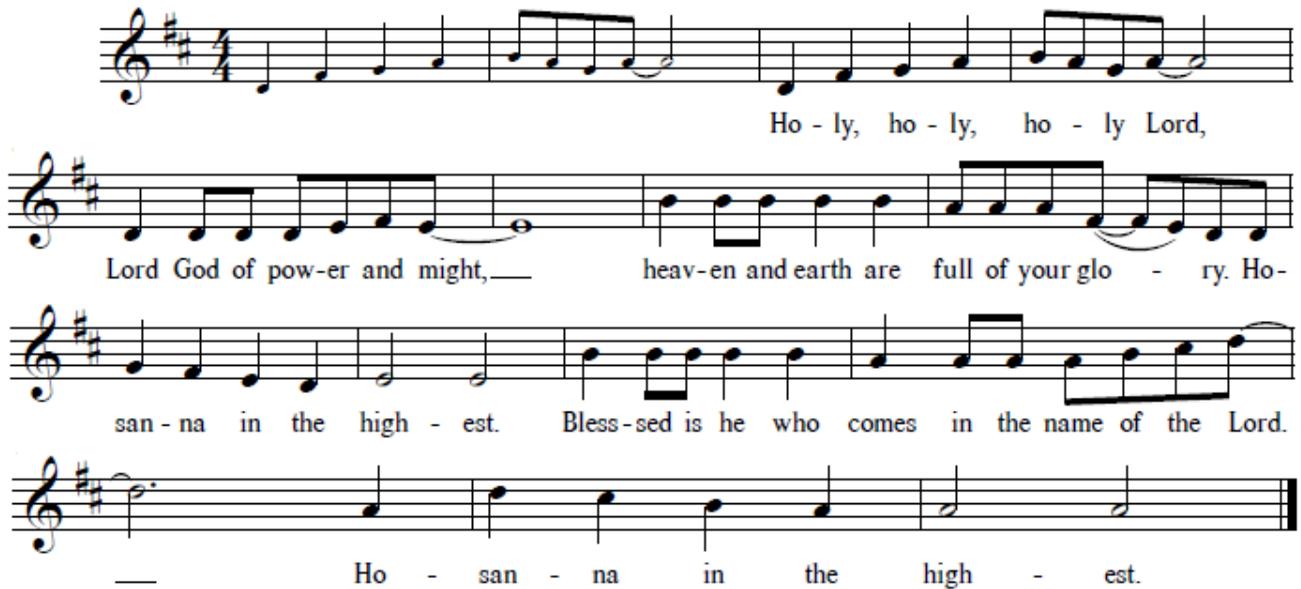
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow-er and might, — heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-
san - na in the high - est. Bless-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
— Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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,

forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*
- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION

HYMN 825 "You Servants of God"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *March*

by Carl William Kern



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.**

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 8, 2022

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

-Psalm 23:1-

David, in this much-loved Psalm, paints such a beautiful picture of his walk with the Lord. The Lord is his loving companion and leader who remains with him throughout all the ups and downs of life. And, because of this, David proclaims that, with God at his side and leading him through life, all his needs are met. The Lord is his shepherd: He lacks nothing.

God, David's devoted shepherd, not only continually remains with him, he relentlessly pursues him with oceans of goodness and mercy every single day of his life (see v. 6). Other translations of verse six use the words “kindness,” “faithfulness,” and “unfailing love” in place of “mercy and goodness.” In other words, God personally lavishes David with the beauty of His heart toward him. What an incredible awareness David had of God's activity in his life. What an incredible awareness of his presence, pursuit, and intent toward him. What an incredible awareness of God's character and his continual, personalized care of him. What an incredible awareness of God's presence trumping and eclipsing even the deepest, darkest valley, and bringing peace even there (see v. 4).

Knowing all this about his shepherd, David obediently followed him, whether God led him to green pastures and still waters that brought nourishment, rest, and restoration (see vv. 2 and 3), or through dark and foreboding valleys where enemies conspired and crouched (see v. 5). He trusted that wherever God led, the path would be true, and God's goodness, glory, and abundant provision could be found (see vv. 3 and 5). He knew that, ultimately, God's paths led to eternal fellowship with him (see v. 6).

In the New Testament, Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd and to his followers as sheep, who hear his voice and follow him (see Jn. 10:11, 27). So, we have the very same opportunity to experience what David did. We can experience God's constant care, presence, and pursuit of us with his oceans of goodness, mercy, kindness, faithfulness, and unfailing love. We can experience his continual leadership, restoration, nourishment, protection, and provision as we follow and trust him no matter where he leads. We, like David, can follow him right into eternity and dwell with him forever.