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April 21, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

PRELUDE The King of Love My Shepherd Is

setting, Lynn Trapp

VIDI AQUAM (I saw water) (9:30)

Prayer Before Holy Mass (please rise)

My dear God and loving Father, as I participate in this Holy Mass, may Jesus fill me with His holy grace when I open my heart to Him in sincere prayer. May the sacraments I will receive, the prayers that I will say and the hymns that I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I say and do. May the Holy Communion that I will receive give me strength, so that I may share faith, hope and love with the people I will meet. Amen.

OPENING HYMN 129 Leave Your Sorrows (1, 2)

All who mourn the crucified Lord Who has died on the cross of pain, Cast away tears, leave your sorrows, Christ the Savior lives again! He has risen, spread the tidings of the Lord with us abiding. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing, Alleluia!

The three women at the grave say "He is ris'n as He had said!" Christ, arrayed in brightest glory, has arisen from the dead. Hence the comfort, hence the gladness, Gone the sorrows, gone the sadness. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing, Alleluia!

INTROIT Ezekiel 34:31; Psalm 79:13

C: You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia. R: Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever, through all generations we will declare Your praise. Alleluia. C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

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GLORIA

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of Your people; strengthen us through Your risen presence. May we walk with You each day and follow You in humble trust, for You are the Good Shepherd, You call us by name and lead us. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - Traditional Mass

Isaiah 40:11

C: Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs, alleluia. R: Carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care. Alleluia.



R. The stone re-ject-ed by the build-ers has be-come the cor-ner-stone.

R. (22) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

This is the Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

ALLELUIA 1 Peter 5:4; Psalm 95:7



C: Alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia.** C: And when the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. For He is our God, and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep."

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father 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 on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

This is the gospel of the Lord. R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 141 Holy Spirit, Come, We Ask You

Holy Spirit, come, we ask You, saving grace we need from You. Through this heav'nly revelation may our stubborn will be moved. May we fully comprehend, guided by Your constant hand. Standing on Your words of promise, we confirm and praise Your goodness.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - Contemporary Mass

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE Jeremiah 3:15

I will appoint over you shepherds after My own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently. Alleluia.

OFFERTORY HYMN (8:00) The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (9:30) I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Thomas Tallis

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad; I found in Him a resting-place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him."

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I AM this dark world's Light; Come unto Me; thy morn shall rise, and all thy days be bright." I came to Jesus, and I found in Him my lamp, my sun, And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty Father, accept this oblation and grant a loving, wise and courageous spirit to all who pastor, minister and teach in Your name. Through all their words and deeds may they seek Your glory and the increase of Your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lies and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS Englert

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI Englert

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (8:00) 155 Hallowed Be Forever (1, 3, 4)

Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic Bread, Sacrament Most Holy, by which we are fed. (Hail, Thou Jesus, Son of Mary. Thou art God Eternal, wondrous mystery!)

Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified, for us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died. (Hail, Thou Jesus, Son of Mary.
Thou art God Eternal, wondrous mystery!)

Hallowed be forever, ris'n in victory, in this bread most holy, we would worship Thee. (Hail, Thou Jesus, Son of Mary. Thou art God Eternal, wondrous mystery!)

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM (9:30) Zmartwychwstal Pasterz Dobry, The Good Shepherd Has Arisen

Zmartwychwstal Pan prawzdiwie, zmartwychwstal Pasterz dobry, Alleluja! The Lord has truly risen, Good Shepherd has arisen, alleluia!

The Cathedral Chorale

COMMUNION VERSE

Psalm 119:175-176

Let my soul live to praise You, and may Your ordinances help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, because Your commands I do not forget. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, Jesus Christ, You so shepherd Your people that they shall not want. Lead us peacefully to Your green pastures and refresh us beside Your still waters. For us who have shared in this Holy Banquet restore our souls when we go astray and always lead us in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Let us bless the Lord! R: Thanks be to God.

Prayer After Holy Mass (please remain kneeling)

I am grateful to You, Lord, that I was able to come to church and participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. I thank You for receiving Your gracious pardon, Your instruction and teaching through Your Word, and Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion. May Your sacraments continue to strengthen and help me to be faithful to You and Your Church. Help me to face all the challenges of life on my journey to Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN God Be with You till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again: By good counsels guide, uphold you, With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again: When life's perils thick confound you, Put unfailing arms around you. God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

POSTLUDE Lord Christ, on Thee My Hope Is Stayed

setting, J. Pachelbel