



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 25, 2021 | Online Service
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude: Les Bergeries

François Couperin

Hymn 645: *St. Columba*, "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.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of day thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, page 77

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Venite S4

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth,
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it,
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth,
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

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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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: 1 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 him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle S205: Te Deum laudamus

Plainsong, Tone 8

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud,
the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
Thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
In glory everlasting.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever Amen.

Second Lesson: John 10:11-18

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 Father knows me and I know the Father. 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 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 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 my Father.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 444: *Thornbury*, “Blest be the God of Israel”

Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
he visits and redeems us, he grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.

He from the house of David a child of grace has given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of Day.

On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner’s eyes.
He guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease.

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing as able.

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 power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
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.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

BCP 97

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together

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.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

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.

Prayers for the Parish

Prayer for Mission

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Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those that do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name. *Amen.*

Anthem: My God! The spring of all my joys

Early-American hymn, arr. Alice Parker

My God! the spring of all my joys, the life of my delights;
the glory of my brightest days and comfort of my nights.
In darkest shades, if he appears my dawning is begun;
He is my soul's sweet morning star and he my rising sun.
My soul would leave this heavy clay at his transporting word;
run up with joy the shining way to embrace my dearest Lord.

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Hymn 708: *Sicilian Mariners*, "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Versicle and Response

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Closing Sentences

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Tanner
Helen Tanner*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Officiant: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

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Nate Bick, Chris Rock, Will Conn, John Tyndall

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For the sick and in need: especially Aubrie Aber, the family of Eleanor Angle, Keren and Bless Arthur, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, the Brunner and Martin family, Janet W. Cosby, Pitter Caswell, Tim Dilsaver, Will Fackler, Mary Harrison, Camille Brunner Martin, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, the family of Sarah Morrison, Geoff Sisk, Ginger Trice, Andrew Troi, Kay Underwood, Barbara Willis, Henry Willett, Amelie Wilmer, Wayne Wilson, Henry Wright, and Paul

We ask for your holy light and healing grace to shine upon the children, teachers, staff and parents of the SJCC as they grieve the loss of a beloved teacher, Kamisha. We join with them in thanksgiving for her life as we commend her spirit to you. May she who bore your light in this world join with all the saints in your heavenly kingdom.

For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers: especially Jennifer Ascoli, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Robert Crutcher, Lauren Dickinson, Brian Hoffmann, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Sally Prillaman, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks, Margaret Williams, and Judith Zerkle

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially William Smith

For justice and reconciliation among all the peoples of this earth and all who work towards that end: especially for our efforts here at St. James's through Sacred Ground and our Racial, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry, that you would grant us the grace, humility, and courage necessary to engage in such work

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Mary Beth Abplanalp, Sally Fain, Gus Guarnieri, and the Reverend Dr. John McCard who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Kamisha Durham, Sarah Morrison, and Anne Dixon Sweets

Music Notes



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

My God, the spring of all my joys is an early-American folk hymn-tune (*Tranquility*) arranged by Alice Parker, the composer and arranger closely associated with the late conductor Robert Shaw. The text is by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), who is often called the “father of English hymnody.” Watts wrote 400 hymns and nearly 200 paraphrases of psalms, eleven of which appear in *Hymnal 1982*. They include “O God our help in ages past,” “Before the Lord’s eternal throne,” “Joy to the world,” “When I survey the wondrous cross,” and “Jesus shall reign where e’re the sun.”

To listen to previous **Music at St. James’s**, just Control-Click the underlined links below:

Anthems

[Create for me a clean heart \(John Michael Talbot\).](#)

[I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord \(William Byrd\)](#)

[I heard the voice of Jesus say \(folksong\)](#)

[Hark! 'Tis the Savior of Mankind \(William Billings\)](#)

[O thou, in whose presence \(arr. Parler/Shaw\)](#)

[Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts \(Purcell\)](#)

[Expectans, expectavi \(Charles Wood\)](#)

[My God, the spring of all my joys \(arr. Alice Parker\)](#)

[Most glorious Lord of life \(William Harris\)](#)

[Lord of the Dance \(arr. David Willcocks\)](#)

Chants

[The Great Litany](#)

[Kyrie Pantokratur](#)

Hymns

[Hymn 142](#) Lord, who throughout these forty days

[Hymn 149](#) Eternal Lord of Love

[Hymn 150](#) Forty days and forty nights

[Hymn 180](#) He is risen!

[Hymn 210](#) The day of resurrection

[Hymn 388](#) O worship the King

[Hymn 414](#) God my King, thy might confession

[Hymn 439](#) What wondrous love is this, O my soul

[Hymn 441](#) In the cross of Christ I glory

[Hymn 472](#) Hope of the world

[Hymn 473](#) Lift high the cross

[Hymn 444](#) Blest be the God of Israel

[Hymn 645](#) The King of love my shepherd is

[Hymn 675](#) Take up your cross, the savior said

[Hymn 707](#) Take my life and let it be

[Hymn 708](#) Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Virtual Choir Links

[Sicut cervus \(Palestrina\)](#)

[Lord, for thy tender mercies sake \(Farrant\)](#)

[If ye love me \(Tallis\)](#)

[Ubi caritas \(Gjelo\)](#)

[In the bleak midwinter \(Holst\)](#)

[We shall walk through the valley in peace \(Undine Smith Moore\), with Norfolk State Choir](#)