

The Order for the Administration
of the Ante-Communion
On
Second Sunday after Easter
April 26th, 2020 at 11 a.m.

Where it is desired to have a very short and simple service (as when children are taking part), it shall suffice to say the Collect, the Epistle, and Gospel, for Easter Sunday, together with the Nicene Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.

In the absence of opportunities to administer the sacrament, please note the rubric in the Communion of the Sick, p. 323 in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer:

¶ But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the Minister, **or by any other just impediment**, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Minister shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and stedfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefor, he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.

Notes on this Sunday's music:

Our organist-choirmaster Steven Branyon believes Psalm 23 is probably the most favored chapter in the Bible. He sees Psalm 23 frequently printed in funeral leaflets – in its traditional language, not modern translation. “The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want...” That is why he wasn't surprised when a choir member once asked, “Why does so much of today's music center around Psalm 23?” While Steven understands this perspective, he knows there are so many beautiful choral and instrumental settings that it is difficult for him not to play.

This Sunday, Steven will begin the service with jazz harmonies by a modern composer, Joe Utterback, who was born in 1944. Of Mr. Utterback's many composed works in the jazz style, Steven feels Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us best displays a total reverence to the tune by William Bradbury.

The second voluntary, Pastorale, is written as a free composition (not allied to a known hymn-tune) and is equally compelling. Unfortunately, Percy Whitlock did not have a long life (1903 - 1946), yet he wrote many endearing organ and choral works.

THE ANTE-COMMUNION

THE INTROIT PSALM Psalm 33. *Exultate, justi.*

One of the psalms of Eastertide, it celebrates the “good shepherding” of God – the almighty wisdom of the providence by which he shepherds, rules and governs all things according to his gracious will (named as “loving-kindness” or “goodness”), both in the creation of the world and in the redemption of his people.

Antiphon (all together): The loving-kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia.

A call to praise.

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous;
* for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

2 Praise the LORD with harp;
* sing praises unto him with the lute,
and instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto the LORD a new song;
* sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

4 For the word of the LORD is true;
* and all his works are faithful.

God’s power as Creator, that is victorious over all powers of evil that rebel against him.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment;
* the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made;
* and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap;
* and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD:
* stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

9 For he spake, and it was done;
* he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought,
* and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect,
and casteth out the counsels of princes.

11 The counsel of the LORD shall endure for ever,
* and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

The security and happiness of his people under his protective rule and government.

12 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord JEHOVAH;
* and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him,
to be his inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh down from heaven, *
and beholdeth all the children of men;

from the habitation of his dwelling,
he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them,
* and understandeth all their works.

15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host;
* neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man;
* neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

17 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him,
* and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

18 To deliver their soul from death,
* and to feed them in the time of dearth.

The response of the faithful – faith expressed in confession and prayer.

19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the LORD;
* for he is our help and our shield.

20 For our heart shall rejoice in him;
* because we have hoped in his holy Name.

21 Let thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us,
* like as we do put our trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Antiphon (*all together*): The loving-kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia.

Minister. Alleluia, the Lord is risen
Answer. He is risen indeed, alleluia.
Minister. the Lord be with you.
Answer. And with the spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.

OPENING PRAYERS

said by the priest alone

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. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

Priest. Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Here shall be said,*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>Answer.</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Minister.</i>	Let us pray.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:9

Thus saith the Lord God:

¹³ Behold, my servant shall deal prudently,
he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

¹⁴ As many were astonished at thee;
his visage was so marred more than any man,
and his form more than the sons of men:

¹⁵ So shall he sprinkle many nations;
the kings shall shut their mouths at him:
for that which had not been told them shall they see;
and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

53 Who hath believed our report?
and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

² For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant,
and as a root out of a dry ground:
he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him,
there is no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He is despised and rejected of men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:
and we hid as it were our faces from him;
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:
yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities:
the chastisement of our peace was upon him;
and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth:
he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb,
so he openeth not his mouth.

⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment:
and who shall declare his generation?
for he was cut off out of the land of the living:

for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
9 And he made his grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death;
because he had done no violence,
neither was any deceit in his mouth: saith the Lord God.

The Epistle. 1 Peter 2:19-end

Clerk. The Epistle is written in the 2nd chapter of the 1st Epistle General of Saint Peter, beginning at the 19th verse.

BELOVED: this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not: but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray: but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

The Gospel: St. John 10:11-16

Priest. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, in the 10th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

Answer: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: Jesus said unto the Pharisees: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I

must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd.

Answer: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed *said by all*

IBELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection ☩ of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Address – The Rector

THE OFFERTORY

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Revelation 5:12

The Biddings

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Minister. I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

Rest ☩ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

Answer. and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Prayer for Christ's Church.

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath 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.

Closing Prayers

Antiphon (*said together*)

The crucified hath risen from the sepulchre, and redeemed us, alleluia, alleluia.

Minister. Tell it out among the heathen, alleluia.

Answer. That the Lord hath reigned from the tree, alleluia.

ALMIGHTY God, who for our sakes didst send thy Son to suffer death upon the Cross, that thou mightest deliver us from the power of the enemy: mercifully grant to us thy servants; that we may attain unto the grace of his resurrections; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

And the Blessing, or if there be no priest to pronounce the blessing, then:

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. Amen.