



# St Thomas' Cathedral

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The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.



## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

### Shepherd Sunday

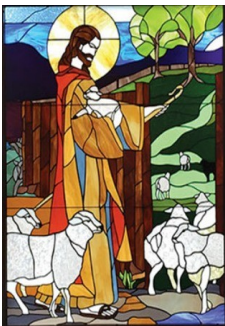
Sunday 26 April 2020

### |The Preparation & Gathering|

**Opening Hymn** ¶All sing

#### “The Lord’s my Shepherd”

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| <p>1. The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;<br/>He makes me down to lie<br/>In pastures green; He leadeth me<br/>The quiet waters by.</p>                | <p>2. My soul He doth restore again,<br/>And me to walk doth make<br/>Within the paths of righteousness,<br/>E’en for His own name’s sake.</p> |
| <p>3. Yea, though I walk through death’s dark vale,<br/>Yet will I fear no ill;<br/>For Thou art with me, and Thy rod<br/>And staff me comfort still.</p> | <p>4. My table Thou hast furnished me<br/>In presence of my foes;<br/>My head Thou dost with oil anoint,<br/>And my cup overflows.</p>         |
| <p>5. Goodness and mercy all my life<br/>Shall surely follow me;<br/>And in God’s house forevermore,<br/>My dwelling place shall be.</p>                  |  |



Words: Psalm 23 • Music: JESSIE SEYMOUR IRVINE (1836 - 1887)

### The Acclamation of the Resurrection

Presbyter	Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People	<b>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!</b>
Presbyter	Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd!
People	<b>God, help us to hear the Shepherd's voice and follow him.</b>

### Reflections

This global crisis is teaching us how weak we are as human beings. We are all members of the great human family, created in the image of God (*Gen. 1:17*). The colour of our skin, the language we speak, our accents, and our cultures count for nothing in the eyes of a contagious disease. In our suffering, in the pain of losing a loved one, we are completely equal — weak and without answers.

Perhaps this crisis is challenging us to react in a different way — with faith and not fear. Faith not in the stars or in some unknown deity. Rather, faith in Jesus Christ, the good shepherd who is also the resurrection and the life. Surely only Jesus is in control of this situation; surely only he can guide us through this storm. He calls us to trust and believe, to have faith and not fear.

MARK ODEN

## | The Word of God |

### The Collect for the Day

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Lesson

Ezekiel 34. 11 - 16

Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick.

### Responsorial Psalm 23

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8eu\\_fl3Mjqc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8eu_fl3Mjqc)

Response: *My Shepherd in the Lord,  
nothing indeed shall I want.*

### The Epistle

1 St Peter 2. 19 - end

This is thank-worthy, 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 Holy Gospel

St John 10. 11 - 16

Jesus said, 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 fold, and one shepherd.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

*I BELIEVE 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, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 Spirit, the Lord, the 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 Holy 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 Sharing of the Peace|

*Presbyter* The risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said,  
“Peace be with you.” Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.  
Alleluia.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

*People* **And also with you.**

## The Anthem

The Lord is my Shepherd  
HOWARD GOODALL (b. 1958)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jx5yrp8m6go>

## |The Prayers of the People|

## |The Liturgy of the Lord’s Table |

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*The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.  
All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.  
The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith,  
giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly  
“eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ”,  
although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.  
The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building  
but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.  
In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere  
to be nourished by the one who tells us, “I am the Bread of Life.”*

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## |The Thanksgiving|

### Closing Prayer and Benediction *The Presbyter*

May the God of peace — who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood — may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

### Hymn at the Closing

“Saviour like a shepherd lead us”

*Words: DOROTHY THRUPP (1779-1847) • Music: WILLIAM BRADBURY (1816 - 1868)*

## The Dismissal

*Presbyter* With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † God's healing hand on all those who are infected with COVID-19
- † God's presence with all who are grieving the loss of their loved ones.
- † all world leaders as they make decisions to face the current situation.
- † God's protection for all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
- † all scientists and pharmaceutical companies as they work towards finding a vaccine.
- † the worshipping community here at the Cathedral; especially those who at this time are separated from their loved ones.
- † the security guards in the Cathedral. They have been away from their families since the lockdown began.
- † in the Diocese: for Christ Church (Tamil), Poisar and the Revd Mathew Gnanasigamani.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Jabalpur and the Most Revd Dr Prem Chand Singh (Moderator)
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of South Kerala and the Rt Revd A. Dharmaraj Rasalam (Moderator)
- † the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East and The Most Revd Michael Lewis (Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf.)

**We have become 'a different sort of church' in ways we couldn't have imagined several weeks ago. While worship in our churches is suspended, our joy in the resurrection is not to be silenced.**

- Sunday fellowship 10 AM onwards on zoom.us video conferencing (you will be sent the link.)
- The Sunday School, Youth Fellowship and Women's Fellowship have been meeting online.
- Members of the choir (including our Junior choristers and Probationers) have been contributing to the recordings of our Sunday services.
- By God's grace we are attempting to take the "Cathedral to the People". Our services are uploaded on a weekly basis on YouTube. Please do forward these to those whom you feel will find this a meaningful aid to worship.

~~~ Birthdays this week ~~~

*May God bless you abundantly.*

Rajathi Moses (26), Deborah Baker (30),  
Roshni Jadhav (May 1), Michelle Pasgon (1), Premanand Telgote (1)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries ~~~

*Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.*

Mani & Annie Thomas (25), Premanand & Supriya Telgote (29), Rekha & Bhaskar Ghose (May 1)

**A PRAYER FOR HOPE AND COURAGE**

*God of the present moment,  
God who in Jesus stills the storm  
and soothes the frantic heart;  
bring hope and courage to all  
who wait or work in uncertainty.*

*Bring hope that you will make them the equal  
of whatever lies ahead.*

*Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,  
for your will is health and wholeness;  
you are God, and we need you.*

*This we pray in Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*(Prayer sourced from The Episcopal Church of the USA)*

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