

Morning Prayer 25th April 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship with John Newsome



Personal preparation before the service begins.

Please take time to remember where you are,
and why you are here.
Give thanks and become still
in the presence of God

Prelude

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with us.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us pray with words from Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters.
He shall refresh my soul ♦
**and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.**
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
I will fear no evil; ♦
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦
you have anointed my head with oil

and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, ♦

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and shall be for ever.**

Song: SoF 60 Christ is risen

*Christ is risen!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is risen,
risen indeed, hallelujah!*

1. Love's work is done,
the battle is won;
where now, O death, is your sting?
He rose again,
to rule and to reign,
Jesus our conquering King.

*Christ is risen!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is risen,
risen indeed, hallelujah!*

3. Tell it abroad,
"Jesus is Lord!"
Shout it and let your praise ring!
Gladly we raise
our songs of praise,
worship is our offering.

*Christ is risen!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is risen,
risen indeed, hallelujah!*

The Collect for today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The reading is taken from Acts 4:5-12

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God
Our hearts and our minds are open

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.'

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The reading is taken from John 10:11-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

Glory to you, O Lord

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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 are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life— only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Song: SoF 537 The Lord's my Shepherd (CRIMOND)

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2. My soul He doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for His own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for Thou art with me; and Thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table Thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

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Intercessions (by William)

The Lord's Prayer

In the language of our hearts, let us pray as our
Saviour taught us

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

AGM

Opening song (ACF 30)

Father, bless us as we go,
Jesus, walk beside us.
Holy Spirit, guide us.

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Closing song (ACF 13)

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

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