

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Welcomes You!**

Easter 4: Good Shepherd Sunday

**April 21, 2024
9:30 a.m.**



Alleluia! He is risen!

Prelude: Psalm 23: The Lord's My Shepherd

Gordon Young
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Hymn 646: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dominus Regit Me

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.**
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**
- 4 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.**
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.**

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise Hymn: 205, vv. 1, 5

Gelobt sei Gott

- 1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 5. To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The 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.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (People read after the asterisk)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; * **I shall not want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * **and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul * **and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * **for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * **you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

A Reading From the First Letter of John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that Jesus 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. The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 708: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Sicilian Mariners

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

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

**Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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." The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Mother Julie

The Nicene Creed: A Statement of Christian Faith (All)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the (+) resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People and The Confession

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
that we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
that your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, DeDe our bishop, and Julie our priest;
that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him, especially Anthony, Carson, Donald, Gabriel, Robin, and Teddy, who are preparing for confirmation;
that they may grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
that our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the people of Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza; and weather victims everywhere.

I ask your prayers for the sick, especially Wendy Wickenden, David Houston, Dottie White, Kiki White, Sue Grosso, Kathleen Eckermann, Stuart Houston, Chris Calhoun-Bryant, Shelby Calhoun, Anthony Necerato, Michael Smith, Charmae, Shannon, Jim Bell, Allen McMinn, Lucy Howton, Preston Hill, Dirk Deleeuw, Huldah Joseph, Jeff K., Gwendolyn Sterling, Shirley Kozicki, Heather, Annette, and those you name before God. (pause)

I ask your prayers for all who are isolated due to illness or infirmity.
We pray for those in any need or trouble;
that they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially Syracuse Police Officer Michael Jensen, Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Michael Hoosock, the parents of Skip Visco, and those you name before God. (pause) Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, (+) forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: Largo

Samuel Jackson

The Doxology: Hymn 380, v.3

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst forth; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy.

S124 Holy, holy, holy Lord

New Plainsong

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
(+) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: The cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All Dying, you destroyed our death;
 Rising, you restored our life;
 Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

The Fraction

Fraction Anthem: S154

New Plainsong

**S154 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
 Therefore, let us keep the feast.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Celebrant This altar is not ours, it is the Lord's. So come to this altar
you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long
time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.
Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Spiritual Communion for those at home.

Dear People of God, the church teaches that, if anyone desires to receive the
Sacrament, but is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, all the benefits of
Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the
mouth. I invite you therefore, to make an act of Spiritual Communion, by saying
the following prayer.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the
Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot
now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you
have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never
permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*Those present in the church now receive communion.
All baptized people are welcome to receive the sacrament.*

If you don't wish Mother Julie to dip the wafer in the wine tell her, "No wine".

Anthem: Adagio

Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck

Celebrant Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

The Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you like a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. (Saint Clare) And the blessing of God Almighty, (+) Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and evermore. Amen.

Hymn 208: The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done

Victory

Before the Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1. The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**
- 2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**
- 3. The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**
- 4. He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!**
- 5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!**

After the Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Jesus Christ.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: In Thee is Joy

James Denton

Confirmation Class will meet at 11:00 a.m. in Mother Julie's office.

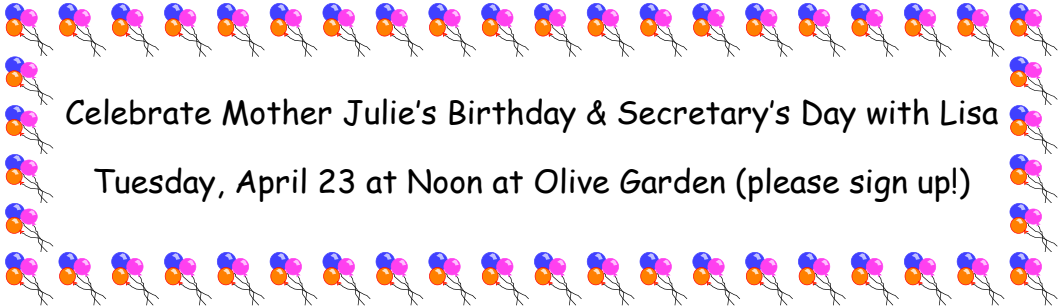
Today's Lay Ministers

Greeter: Gelene Lewis
Crucifer: Donald Money
Altar Server: Donnie Keefe
Chalice: Fred Wilson

First Reader: Kathleen Eckermann
Second Reader: Gina Odell
Prayers: Steve Pekich
Counter: Gelene Lewis

*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of my parents, by Skip Visco.*

The sanctuary candle is given to the glory of God.



Celebrate Mother Julie's Birthday & Secretary's Day with Lisa

Tuesday, April 23 at Noon at Olive Garden (please sign up!)

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