



Online Service for  
Sunday  
3 May 2020  
Easter 4



*The Good Shepherd, the cross, the empty tomb*

It's Good Shepherd Sunday! We reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep, and on what it means to be a member of the flock. As today would have been an All Age Mass, we are delighted to have our children participating, and there are two talks – for adults and children.

To participate in our service today, you will need a Bible and a candle. If there is more than one of you, you can share out leading, and the readings; but it is perfectly possible to participate just on your own.

**Welcome**

*Light the candle to begin, and pray that you will be open to hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd this morning.*

*Please click on the link to begin the service, and join in with the responses.*

<https://youtu.be/YeW7fHbRxDa>

Priest      ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All            Amen**

Priest      The Lord be with you.

**All            and also with you.**

Priest      Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All            He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Confessing our sins

*We have not always lived our lives as we should have done. We have done wrong and hurt others. Let's recall our sins and seek God's forgiveness. We pray together:*

Priest Like Mary at the empty tomb  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy**

Priest Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy**

Priest Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy**

*The priest will give the absolution, and we respond **Amen.***

## The Gloria

*Let's praise God's glory. Please join in singing the Peruvian Gloria*

Cantor Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father

**All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father**

Cantor To him be glory forever

**All To him be glory forever**

Cantor Alleluia, Amen.

**All Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.**

Verse 2 Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

Verse 3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

*The priest prays the Collect – the prayer for the day*

## Bible Readings

*Ben reads the first reading from Acts 2.42-end.*

<https://youtu.be/jO2-SfZuAaU>

*If you can, please stand to read the Gospel yourself out loud.*

Gospel of the Day: John 10.1-10

## Talks

*Today we have two talks – anyone can listen to either, or both!*

Homily - <https://youtu.be/FIGkIldXn9s>

Children's Talk - <https://youtu.be/ac1GTj4apQ4>

## Creed

*Let's remind ourselves of the beliefs of the Christian faith.*

**All**            **We believe in God the Father,**  
                  **from whom every family**  
                  **in heaven and on earth is named.**  
                  **We believe in God the Son,**  
                  **who lives in our hearts through faith,**  
                  **and fills us with his love.**  
                  **We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  
                  **who strengthens us**  
                  **with power from on high.**  
                  **We believe in one God;**  
                  **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**  
                  **Amen.**

## The Prayers

*Henrietta and Tilly will lead the intercessions. Here's the link:*

<https://youtu.be/WRKuvY-BiPc>

## The Peace

*If there is more than one of you taking part, then do share the peace. If you are on your own you might like to think of people you would be sharing the peace with if you were in church, and pray, 'Peace be with Diane, 'Peace be with Matt', or whoever it is!*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*We now come to the heart of the mass. As the altar is set up, please join in singing the offertory hymn, and then saying the responses. <https://youtu.be/OEhRdXSozu8>*

**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.**

**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.**

**Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill;  
for Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.**

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

**Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.**

Priest      The Lord be with you  
**All            And also with you.**

Priest      Lift up your hearts.  
**All            We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All            It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Acclamation:*

Priest Great is the mystery of faith

**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Sanctus and Benedictus (Sanctus means 'holy', Benedictus means 'blessed'):*

**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.**

*The Agnus Dei (which means 'Lamb of God')*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Grant us peace**

*This is a prayer for you to say at the point at which you would be receiving the bread and wine. You are making a spiritual communion in place of a sacramental communion, as that is not possible at this time.*

**All In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. Amen.**

**Music**

*As we reflect on our spiritual communion, let's listen to Martin, Abigail and Gabriella playing Paul Wailly's Six Pieces (No. 3 Idylle). <https://youtu.be/PiFT1bbtEn8>*

## The Blessing and Regina Coeli

Please click on this link for the end of the service: [https://youtu.be/oENF-b5\\_SJ0](https://youtu.be/oENF-b5_SJ0)

*If you would like to sing along with the Regina Coeli, please do! Regina coeli means 'Queen of Heaven' and is sung in Eastertide. In it we rejoice with Mary in the resurrection of her son Jesus.*

**All** Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!  
He whom Thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!  
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

Priest Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:  
**All** For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

*Today, Jonathan's closing voluntary is Schumann's Träumerei from Kinderszenen*  
<https://youtu.be/7GRN82lwHhU>

*St Matthew's is renowned for its excellent selection of biscuits after mass. Why not put the kettle on, pour out some juice for the children, and get out the biscuit tin!*