

Welcome to St. Augustine's  
The Episcopal Center at URI

*A House of Prayer for all People*



The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2020

- 1 My Shepherd will supply my need,  
Jehovah is his Name;  
in pastures fresh he makes me feed  
beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.
  
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death,  
thy presence is my stay;  
one word of thy supporting breath  
drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,  
doth still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows,  
thy oil anoints my head.
  
- 3 The sure provisions of my God  
attend me all my days;  
oh, may thy house be mine abode  
and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest,  
while others go and come;  
no more a stranger or a guest,  
but like a child at home.

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

## Taize Gloria



## The Collect of the Day (Let us pray together)

**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.***

### First Lesson Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

You are my shepherd, I am content  
You lead me to rest in the sweet grasses

To lie down by the quiet water  
And I am refreshed

You lead me down the right path  
The path that unwinds in the pattern of your name

And even if I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
I will not fear  
For you are with me  
Comforting me with your rod and your staff  
Showing me each step

You prepare a table for me  
In the midst of my adversity  
And moisten my head with oil

Surely my cup is overflowing  
And goodness and kindness will follow me  
All the days of my life  
And in the long days beyond  
I will always live within your house

### **Second Lesson** 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Celtic Alleluia** *sung when deacon stands to read the gospel*



*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People* **Glory to you O Christ.**

### **The Holy Gospel** John 10:1-10

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Meditation**

The Rev. Beth Sherman

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! You are eternal life, stronger than death. Open our eyes to see you as we ask for your merciful grace.

We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Nicholas, our Bishop. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai. **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the people and clergy of Church Of Good Shepard, Pawtucket. For Diocesan Council, Standing Committee and those who serve on our diocesan governing committees. We joyfully celebrate your

resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Imbue your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all nations of the earth, especially..... God of Creation, you have given us a world of wondrous diversity. Open our eyes to see the beauty of your cosmic weaving. Give us open hearts and the confidence to invite all into the bond of your love, that in unity with you, we may bring your reign of peace to all peoples. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for our nation and its leaders. God of Hope teach us the difference between reaching down and reaching out. Guide the privileged few who determine the destinies of the many. Lead us not only to share our abundance, but also to enter with hope into the poverty of others with less. We remember especially.....

For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for our community, especially for those in our Parish who have birthdays: Patti Brown, Mary-Anne Prince Turco, and Carolyn Davis. God, who came to earth as one of us, help us to see you in each member of this community. Bless the many gifts of our members and keep before us the image of Servant Jesus, that in him we remain ready to serve one another and those whom you continue to bring into our midst. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who suffer and struggle, especially . . .

God of Compassion open our hearts to bind wounds and heal. Bless each person who asks for our prayers. Be present, through your people, to all who need your comfort. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who have died, especially . . . that your will for them may be fulfilled. God who loved us from before our birth and who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. And we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured of that same hope. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray that our risen life include greater care of the creation you have entrusted to us. Help us to be champions for this fragile planet. We remember especially.....For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together,

*All:* Lord make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**Collects**

**The Rev. Beth Sherman**

*Celebrant* Summing all of our prayers, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**Easter Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

**I, the Lord of sea and sky**

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1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the  
Spirit. ***Alleluia, Alleluia***



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