



Leicester Cathedral
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral



Sunday 3 May 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Revd Canon Alison Adams, Sub-Dean of Leicester, leads the service.

Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music, plays on the Organ:

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand BWV626 J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Welcome and Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of welcome may be said.

We meet in the presence of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Penitence Saying sorry and asking for God's forgiveness

Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of our souls,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We come to you in sorrow for our sins,
longing to know our place again in your flock.

Silence is kept.

Good Shepherd, you lead us to green pastures and beside still waters,
but we have preferred to live in our own strength.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Good Shepherd, you promise to be with us with rod and staff,
but we have ignored your comfort in our darkness.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Good Shepherd, you call us by name,
but we have been deaf to your voice.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution God's forgiveness for us

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

As Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music, plays on the harp, all sing

The Hymn

- 1. Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.**
- 2. Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.**
- 3. Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more.**
- 4. Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.**
- 5. Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.**

PASTOR PASTORUM (NEH282)
Friedrich Silcher (1789–1860)

Thomas Benson Pollock (1836–1896)

The First Reading

Acts 2.42–47

Read by Peter Lewis

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Christopher Ouvry-Johns and Rosie Vinter sing

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd :

therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture :

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul :

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :

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

George Charles Gray (1897–1981)

The Second Reading

John 10.1–10

Read by Pam Spokes

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

“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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Acting Canon Precentor

The Organist plays

The Little Shepherd
from Children's Corner

Claude Debussy (1862–1918)

The Revd Canon Paul Rattigan, Canon Chancellor, leads

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Hymn

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**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.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

*DOMINUS REGIT ME (AM794i)
John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876)*

*Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877)
based on Psalm 23*

The Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you today and always.
Amen.

Until we meet again,
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Organist plays the Voluntary:

Pastorale

Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)

from Seven Sketches on Verses from the Psalms (Psalm 23.1)

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