

## Sunday Morning

03 May 2020

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This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.** *Psalm 118.24*

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

### *2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of Triumph (Venite) (Psalm 95)*

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:

and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth: w

and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it:

his hands moulded dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down:

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God:

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Today if only you would hear his voice:

'Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;

'When your forebears tested me:

put me to proof though they had seen my works.

'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:

"It is a people who err in their hearts,

for they do not know my ways";

'Of whom I swore in my wrath:

"They shall not enter my rest."

### *or the Easter Anthems (page 423) may be used during the Easter season.*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

so let us celebrate the feast,

Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

death has no more dominion over him.

In dying, he died to sin once for all:

in living, he lives to God.

See yourselves, therefore, as dead to sin:

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:

the first fruits of those who sleep.

For since by one man came death:

by another has come also the resurrection of the dead,

For as in Adam all die:

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

### *3 The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### *Confession*

*A pause for self-examination, the Confession and Absolution (see note 1) may be used here.*

*4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

#### **Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song:  
for he has done marvellous things;

<sup>2</sup> **His right hand and his holy arm:  
they have got him the victory.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his salvation:  
he has revealed his just deliverance  
in the sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> **He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness  
towards the house of Israel:  
and all the ends of the earth  
have seen the salvation of our God.**

<sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:  
break into singing and make melody.

<sup>6</sup> **Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:  
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.**

<sup>7</sup> With trumpets and with horns:  
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

<sup>8</sup> **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:  
the good earth and those who live upon it.**

<sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands:  
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;

<sup>10</sup> **For he comes to judge the earth:  
he shall judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

*5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

Lord God, whose blessed Son rose in triumph and set us free: grant us the fullness of life he promised us,  
that through the Holy Spirit our hearts may possess him whom our eyes cannot see,  
the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## 1st Reading

### Jeremiah 23.1-8

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord .

<sup>2</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord , the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord .

<sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

<sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord .

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord , when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

<sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, the days are surely coming, says the Lord , when it shall no longer be said, 'As the Lord lives who brought the people of Israel up out of the land of Egypt',

<sup>8</sup> but 'As the Lord lives who brought out and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the land of the north and out of all the lands where he had driven them.'

Then they shall live in their own land.

## 2nd Reading

### Revelation 7.9-17

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

<sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

<sup>12</sup> singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'

<sup>14</sup> I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

**John 10.11-15,22-30**

11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

12The 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.

13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

And I lay down my life for the sheep.'

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem.

It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

24So the Jews gathered around him and said to him,

'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

25Jesus answered,

'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;

26but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

27My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

28I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

29What my Father has given me is greater than all else,

and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

30The Father and I are one.'

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

May your word live in us

**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

*7 The Canticle, The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus) (Luke 1.68–79)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:

who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of

all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears:

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear:

holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation:

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness

and the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*9 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

*10 The Collect of the Day*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

God of all power,  
you called from death our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep:  
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,  
to heal the injured,  
and to feed one another with understanding;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the everlasting covenant:  
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,  
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

O God,  
whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:  
help us when we hear his voice  
to know him who calls us each by name,  
and to follow where he leads;  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*12 The Morning Collect*

Eternal God and Father,  
by whose power we are created  
and by whose love we are redeemed;  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*13*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all  
evermore. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13.14