

# CCQF Sunday Worship Easter 4 Morning Prayer (abridged) May 3, 2020

## WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

The king of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine for ever.

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.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Rector: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!!!*      **People: THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!!! ALLELUIA!!!**

*Rector: The Angel said, "Jesus isn't here, because..."*      **People: HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD."**

*Rector: "Now, go tell His disciples that ..."*      **People: JESUS IS ALIVE. ALLELUIA!**

*Rector: Lord, open our lips.*      **People: AND OUR MOUTHS SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE.**

**EVERYBODY: GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOR EVER. AMEN.**

### Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \* let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

### FIRST READING I Peter 2:19-25

**Reader: David Stepeck**

<sup>19</sup>For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup>But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup>To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>23</sup>When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

<sup>25</sup> For “you were like sheep going astray,”<sup>[b]</sup> but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. THE WORD OF THE LORD. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23 Reader: Don Peck**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> 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 they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**SECOND READING from the Gospel of John (along with Kid story) Introduction—Jesus frequently used images from nature, such as water, fire, fruit, etc., to describe to “What God is like. In this reading, Jesus uses the image of a shepherd and his sheep**

Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> .... The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep... If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **People: Thanks be to God.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION FOR CHILDEN & PARENTS**

1. Jesus says, when “a stranger call the sheep, “they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

- Why would they flee?
- Why would they follow the voice of the shepherd?

2. We are not sheep, but we can hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. How do you hear His voice? (Ans. prayers, the bible, parents)

- There is one message that God wants you to hear from His voice. What is that? (Ans. Jesus loves you now and forever)
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**THE SERMON (and teen Story) The Rev. John Donnelly, Rector/Pastor**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY (said together)**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear His voice, we My 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 forever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYERS FOR THE PANDEMIC**     *Leader: Rocco Alfonzetti*

Leader: Lord Jesus, we pray for our world, under assault from this pandemic, knowing that when we pray, you hear, and when you hear, you take action . (pause)

Lord, we remember those who are sick with this horrible virus

**People: COMFORT AND HEAL THEM IN YOUR MERCY, O LORD.**

Leader: Lord, We pray for the doctors, nurses, and all healthcare workers serving the sick.

**People: GRANT THEM PROTECTION, STRENGTH, AND EMPATHY AS THEY UNDERTAKE THEIR MISSION.**

Leader: Lord, we pray for our First Responders, our Police, Fire Fighters, EMTs and others.

**People: GIVE YOUR ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEM TO GUARD THEM IN ALL THEIR WAYS.**

Leader: Lord, remember those who are unemployed and impoverished from this pandemic

**People: PROVIDE FOR ALL THEIR NEEDS OUT OF YOUR RICHES IN GLORY.**

Leader: Lord, receive all those who have died into your loving arms;

**People: AND COMFORT THE BEREAVED.**

Leader: Lord, we pray for Christ Church Quaker Farms. Grant that each of us would find ways to reach out

**People: FROM OUR HOMES, TO BRING FRIENDSHIP, COMPANIONSHIP, AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO OTHERS, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR LOVE. AMEN.**

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS, BOTH ALOUD AND SILENTLY.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**     David Stepeck

**OFFERTORY**     Priest: All good things come from you, O Lord

**PEOPLE: AND FROM WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOU, WE RETURN TO YOU.**

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**THE BLESSING**

**CONCLUDING SONG**

My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord. My hope is in You, Lord. In You, it's in You

My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord. My hope is in You, Lord. In You, it's in You

I will praise You with all of my life. I will praise You with all of my strength  
With all of my life, With all of my strength, All of my hope is in You

My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord. My hope is in You, Lord. In You, it's in You (2X)

In You, it's in You. In You, it is in You!

## DISMISSAL

Rector: Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ!!!! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!!!!!! ALLELUIA!!!!!! ALLELUIA!!!!!!

**COMING SOON--CCQF ONLINE BIBLE STUDY GROUP. We will be studying the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, which is a guide book to finding JOY IN ADVERSITY. We will meet for 4 weeks, by teleconference using webex.so that we can see one another. If St. Paul could find joy in prison, then we can find JOY IN QUARENTINE. No books to buy. Minimal homework. No place to drive. To sign up, email : Leader: Fr. John <<[fjccqf@gmail.com](mailto:fjccqf@gmail.com)>> Assistant: Sue Evancho <<[nsevan@yahoo.com](mailto:nsevan@yahoo.com)>>**

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Parishioners, Spring is in the air and it's time for **our annual church spring cleanup**. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are going to perform the cleanup a little differently the year. Basically, we will change from a one day congregation wide cleanup, to an **individual family cleanup**. Each family can come to church and perform a job that's needed. This will limit exposure with one another and also give families the flexibility to work when time permits. Some work needed to be done is as follows:

Stick and twig removal

Raking

Parking lot sand cleanup

Parking lot pothole repair

Parking lot line painting (after sand removal)

Weeding and gardening

Shrub trimming

Garbage cleanup

General cleaning

Sticks, twigs and leaves can be dumped in the woods towards the edge of the church yard (close to Hogsback). You'll see a pile from previous years.

Michael and I have cancelled the garbage pickup to save the church a little money. The dumpster is locked, so garbage can be left in bags near the parish hall door and I'll bring the bags to my house.

The church can really use everyone's help. Let's spruce up the Lord's house and get ready to re-open the church looking her best.

Questions? **Please call or text David Stepeck at (203) 394-1951.**