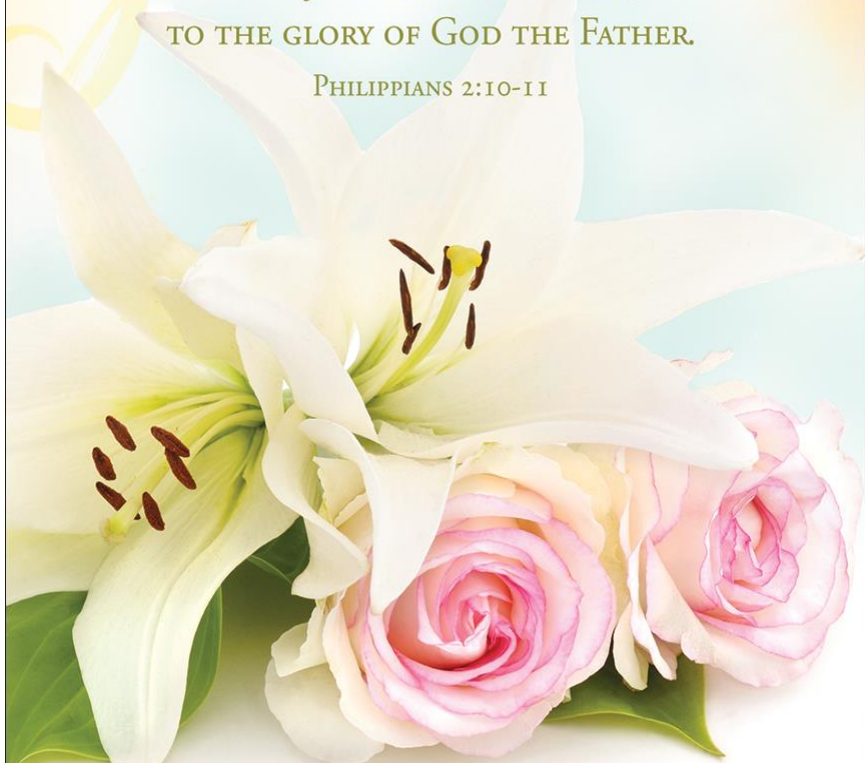


JESUS IS RISEN!

AT THE NAME OF JESUS
EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW...
EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS
THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD,
TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.

PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11



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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 3rd, 2020

The Cathedral is closed; however, members are asked to pray the Office of Morning Prayer, at home with their household.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia! **1 Corinthians 5:7**

Versicles & Responses

V. Hear us, O Lord,

R. **For your mercy is great.**

V. We will exalt you, O God our Saviour,

R. **And praise your name forever and ever.**

V. Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

R. **As it was in the beginning is now: and shall be forever. Amen.**

Prayer of Intent

Let us pray

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

INVITATORY

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with 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 as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
for as in Adam all die:
even also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now: and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

The Minister says:

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and people, together say:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All:

Grant merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his
Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of
those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever. Amen

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47 *“Life among the Believers”*

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day 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, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord

The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

Exodus 15:1-3, 6, 11, 13, 17-18

Especially suitable for use in the Easter Season

I will sing to the Lord, for his glorious triumph;
the horse and the rider he has hurled into the sea.
The Lord has become my strength and refuge;
the Lord Himself has become my Saviour.
He is my God and I will praise Him;
my father’s God and I will exalt Him.
The Lord Himself is a mighty warrior;
the Lord, the Lord is his Name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power;
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods,
holy, awesome, worker of wonders?

In steadfast love you led your people,
you guided your redeemed with your great strength.
You brought them in safety to your holy place,
and planted them on your own mountain
You brought them into your own house.
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson: John 10:1-10 “Jesus the Good Shepherd”

10‘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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The 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

Benedictus Luke 1:68-79

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel;
You have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the
house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets
You 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 your holy
covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set
us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before
you 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 the way,
To give God's 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 upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be
forever. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

THE PRAYERS

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

ALL:

**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.**

THE SUFFRAGES “A”

V. Lord, reveal your love among us;

R. **That we may know the joy of your salvation.**

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;

R. **And teach our leaders wisdom.**

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;

R. **And her servants with knowledge and true godliness.**

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the oppressed;

R. **That your justice may be known among all people.**

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;

R. **That in us and through us your will may be done.**

The Collect of the Day ~ “*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*”

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.**

A Collect for Protection

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Reflection

Special Intentions for today: for the promotion of the common good and the well-being of everyone in the community of faith; for the nurturing love and care of the vulnerable; and for Christ as Shepherd, to feed the Church so that it may bring deliverance and healing to the world, in the midst of the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word.

May it be a lantern to our feet,

A light to our paths,

And a strength to our lives.

Take us and use us to love and serve all persons

in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. **Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING ~ “*Ascension to Eve of Pentecost*”

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do His will, that you may reign with Him in glory; and the blessing of God the Father be upon you this day and forever more.



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

YEAR A

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Comments ~ “*The believers’ common life*”

The new community of believers in the resurrected Jesus devote themselves to teaching and fellowship, to sharing in eucharistic meals, and to prayers. There are many signs and healings as the church grows. Followers of Christ express their commitment to one another even to the point of pooling their possessions. Their fellowship is characterised by joy and generosity, and many are drawn to them because of the richness of their common life.

Psalm 23

The Lord is shepherd and guide, God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Comments ~ “*Follow the Shepherd, even in suffering*”

In this reading we learn that **disciples are called to bear undeserved suffering with patience, even as Christ has set an example for us, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.** This word is addressed primarily to those who are servants, but can well be applied to all Christians who endure pain despite having done no wrong. Their Lord has transformed the meaning of suffering and through his wounds brought healing. This letter was evidently written at a time when the Christians in Asia Minor were experiencing various forms of persecution.

The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Comments ~ *“Christ the Shepherd”*

Our Gospel presents **two related images in which Jesus is first the shepherd in charge of the sheep and then the gate through which the sheep enter.** These teachings are set in the context of controversy. Jesus’ words are directed against religious officials who do not know or truly care for their people. But Jesus knows his own sheep by name. They hear his voice and find the fullness of life.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

1. **The Cathedral Church** is now fully closed further to the recent announcement of emergency measures by The Attorney General, The Honourable Dale Marshall, Q.C., M.P., due to Barbados being at Stage 3 of the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic which restricts all Churches from opening.
2. **Confirmation Classes:** Please note that registration for Confirmation Classes has started. It is anticipated that Confirmation will be celebrated in November, as

part of the Diocese's "Mission 2020: God's Gathering" initiative. Completed forms should be returned to the Office as soon as health conditions in the country make that possible.

3. **Household Worship:** The cathedral is closed to public worship; however, members are encouraged to pray the office of Morning Prayer at the regular Sunday service times, 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., or at a time convenient to the family. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for Week of Second Easter begins on page 749, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Monday, May 4th, 2020 are Exodus 32:1-20; Psalms 41 & 52; and Matthew 5:1-10.

4. **Stewardship of Treasure:** During this period when the congregation is not assembling for corporate worship, I appeal to everyone to fulfil their individual financial commitments to God, in the mission of the Cathedral. By the regular use of the envelopes which have been issued. I further encourage members to make your contributions in any of the following ways:
 - i. Bring the offering to the Cathedral and lodge it with the Administrative Assistant at the Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and Fridays from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
 - ii. Write a cheque to St. Michael's Cathedral, place it in the regular offering envelope and then in another envelope addressed to The

Dean, St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael for mailing purposes.

- iii. Make an online payment to the St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 27193-02.
- iv. If none of these three arrangements is convenient, I ask that the offering be set aside, either weekly or monthly, as one would normally present it, and that the entire package be ready when corporate worship resumes.

5. **Ministry Today:** The regular pattern of worship in the Church has been suspended indefinitely; and the circumstances inhibit the practice of ministry in general. There are implications everywhere. The Diocesan administration is engaged in looking at interim measures to cope with the crisis; so too has been the Cathedral's leadership. It is hoped that members would appreciate the difficulties and play their part in supporting their clergy and each other, by prayer and electronic communication. Be assured of the clergy's concern for the well-being of all, and of their prayers during this unprecedented time in the affairs of the world, the nation and the Church. The following basic ministries will be sustained during this period: Administration (Human Resources, Financial and Property management); Christian Education (Bible study, etc.); Pastoral Services (Prayer, Counsel and Bereavement Support); Social Outreach (Deacon's Cupboard, SMCFA); and Worship (Streaming of services, Family worship, Daily Devotion).

***Congratulations to all those person celebrating
birthdays this month ~ May 2020***

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Mr. Leo Adolphus Taylor ~ 2nd

Mr. Norton A. Brewster ~ 4th

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Ms. Corleta L. A. Ellis ~ 5th

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Ms. Valarie Y. Quintyne ~ 10th

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Ms. Jacqueline Skeete ~ 12th

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Mr. Leslie Layne ~ 23rd

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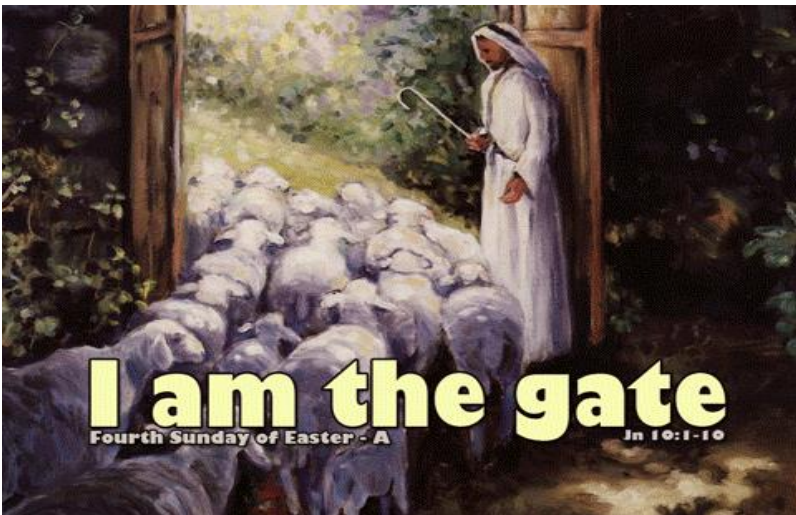


May God bless and strengthen you.



Theme for the Week

“To serve God is to have life to the fullest.”



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