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Fourth Sunday of Easter 11:00 AM

> "I am the good shepherd."

> > John 10:11

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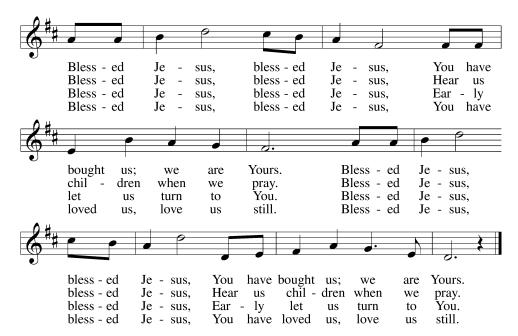
Welcome to Worship! Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday, when we recognize Jesus as OUR Good Shepherd. Sheep have a way of wandering when they don't have a shepherd. Today's Good News is that we have a shepherd. We have the Good Shepherd, the resurrected Jesus to guide us and guard us.

PreludeMy Shepherd Will Supply My NeedWilbur Held

Welcome

**Entrance Hvmn** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" # 711 1 Sav - ior. Much we like а shep - herd lead us: 2 We Yours: are in love be - friend Be the us, 3 You have prom - ised re - ceive Poor and to us, 4 Ear - ly us seek Your fa let vor, Ear - ly need Your ten - der Your care. In pleas - ant pas - tures guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de ful though we be: You have sin mer - cv to re -will; Your Bless let us do - ed Lord and on - ly feed Your fold pre - pare. us, For our use Seek fend us, us when we go a - stray. lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Sav ior. With Your love our spir - its fill.

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#### **Invocation**

### **Confession of Sins And Absolution**

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

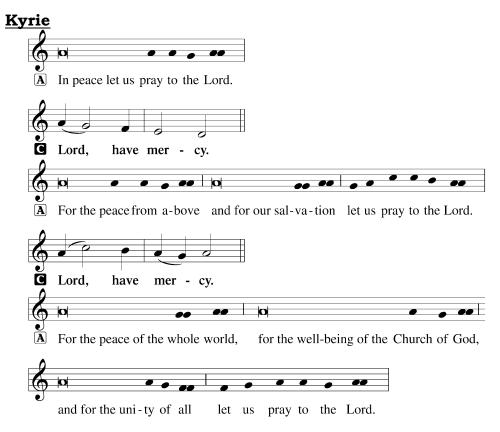
(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our

neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

▶ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **C** Amen.







### The Prayer of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- ▶ Let us pray: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow Him that sin and death may never pluck us out of Your hand; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# **C** Amen.

### Anthem

Glorify Thy Name

Chancel Choir



#### THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### **First Lesson**

### Acts 4:1-12

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. [2] They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. [3] They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. [4] But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand. [5] The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. [6] Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest's family. [7] They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" [8] Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! [9] If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, [10] then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. [11] He is " 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.'[12] Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



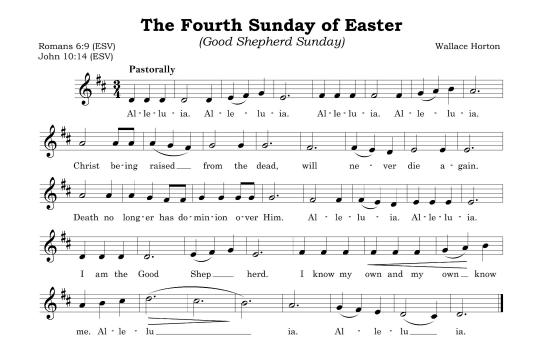
#### Second Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. [17] If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? [18] Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. [19] This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence [20] whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. [21] Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God [22] and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. [23] And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. [24] Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

# **L** This is the Word of the Lord.

### **G** Thanks be to God.



P The Holy Gospel is written...C Glory to You, O Lord.

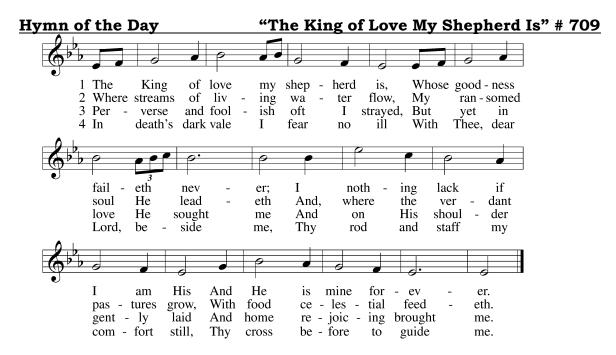
### Holy Gospel

### John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. [12] The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. [13] The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. [14] "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- [15] just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. [16] I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. [17] The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. [18] No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.P raise to You, O Christ.

### The Children's Lesson



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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#### Sermon

Vicar Stephen Wareham

### **Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

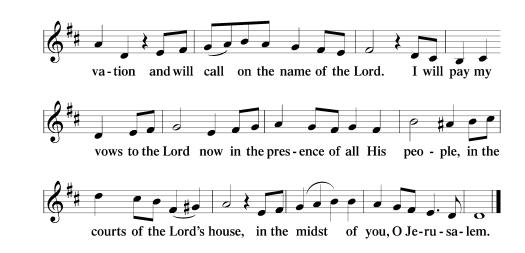
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence 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.

## **Tithes and Offerings**

## **Offering Music**

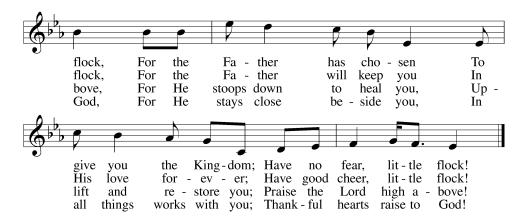




# **Prayers of the Church**

# The Lord's Prayer





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### **Greetings and Announcements**

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