



## *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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***SUNDAYS: 10:00 AM ONLINE HOLY EUCHARIST***

***MONDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM***

***TUESDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM***

***WEDNESDAY: HEALING PRAYERS 7:00 PM***

***THURSDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM***

***FRIDAY: MIDDAY PRAYER 12 NOON***

***SATURDAY: EVENING PRAYER 6:00 PM***



**3 MAY 2020**

***At St. Benedict's there are NO STRANGERS, only FRIENDS we have not met...  
We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus!***

***The Reverend Father Albert R. Cutié***

**Rector**

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

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## The Collect (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.*

## The First Lesson

**Acts 2:42-47**

Those who had been baptized 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.

## The Response

**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.

## **The Epistle**

### **1 Peter 2:19-25**

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## **The Gospel**

### **John 10:1-10**

Jesus said, “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.”

## **The Nicene Creed**

### **The Prayers of the People**

In the Easter mystery, God has re-created our world in joy, peace, hope, and light. And so we pray:

That the *joy* of the Risen Christ may inspire the Church throughout the world, and here in our parish community of St. Benedict's, to proclaim, in our work and worship together, the good news of the empty tomb. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the *peace* of the Risen Christ may reign among the nations and peoples of the world, leading them to work together to uphold the sacred dignity of all men, women, and children: Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the *hope* of the Risen Christ may console the troubled, reconcile those who are estranged and alienated, and heal the hurting and suffering among us, especially those suffering physically and emotionally as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic and as the result of any illness or disease. Let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the *light* of the Risen Christ may shine on the souls of all our deceased relatives and friends, and we remember the long-time benefactors and members of St. Benedict's Episcopal Church, the many victims of this Pandemic throughout the world, and those who are bereaved. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant prays:* Father of life, Author of love, in raising your Son from the grave all of creation has been reborn. May the life and love of the Paschal mystery, which we celebrate today, be a constant and lasting reality in our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. ***Amen.***

*During the fifty days of Eastertide the confession of sins is not said.*

**The Peace Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People:** *And also with you.*

### **Special Announcements by the Parish Priest**

*An offering is now taken for the work of the parish. Please be generous – We count on your support all year!*

*Feel free to make a secure donation ONLINE [www.saintbenedicts.org](http://www.saintbenedicts.org) and go to “Online giving”. Your special Easter offering may also be mailed to the parish office: 7801 NW 5th Street Plantation, FL 33324*

### **The Holy Communion Liturgy of the Eucharist**

#### **Offertory Hymn**

**The Doxology**  
*Hundredth*

*Old*

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
*Prayer A*  
**The Lord's Prayer**

*Eucharistic*

#### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.*  
***Alleluia***

## **The Fraction Anthem**

*Agnus Dei –*

### *Lamb of God*

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God: take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Prayer During Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*– From Washington National Cathedral; material adapted from Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787) and A Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

## **Prayer after Holy Communion**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## **Recessional Hymn**

*May the blessings of the risen Jesus, our Good Shepherd, be yours throughout this joyful Eastertide!* Please feel free to contact us with your comments and suggestions:

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*Father Albert*

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