



**Order of Service for Sunday April 30, 2023**  
*(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday)*  
**10 am Liturgy of the Word**  
**S. Kay Young, Presider & Homilist**  
**St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR**

**Prelude**

**Ray Hendricks**

**Opening Hymn #646**      *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

**Greeting**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Acclamation** *(please say together)*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Gloria** *(let us sing together)* - (Red prayer book BCP, P. 356)

**Collect** for today - *let us say together:*

**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 Liturgy of the Word**

**First Lesson**

**The Acts of the Apostles 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.

- Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People
- **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 23**      *Dominus regit me*      *(sung using modified Anglican chant – S415)*

**<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; \***  
***I shall not be in want.***

**<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures \***  
***and leads me beside still waters.***

**<sup>3</sup> He revives my soul \***  
***and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.***

- <sup>4</sup> ***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.***
- <sup>5</sup> ***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.***
- <sup>6</sup> ***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 Second Lesson from 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.

- Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God’s People
- ***Thanks be to God***

**Gospel Hymn #343**                      *“Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”*

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 10:1-10**

- ***Glory to you Lord Christ***

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.”

- This is the Gospel of the Lord
- ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

**Sermon**

**S. Kay Young**

*Silence for Reflection*

**The Nicene Creed** *(let us say together)*      **(BCP page 358)**

**Prayers of the People:** See Special Goldenrod PoP Card in Pews [*New Zealand Prayerbook*]

**Confession of Sin & Absolution** [BCP p. 360]

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*the Presider, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** (*please stay in your pew*)

- The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
- **And also with you.**

**Offertory Music**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

**The Lord's Prayer** (*let us sing together*)

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And 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. Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *front cover of BCP (Red Prayer Book)*

**Seasonal Blessing**

**Closing Hymn # 708** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**Dismissal** [BCP p. 366]

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:**

*Ray Hendricks*