

*Before the service, talk to God. During the service, let God talk to you.  
After the service, talk to one another.*

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral  
Laramie, Wyoming**



*In Christ we grow in faith,  
respond through action,  
and embrace all people.*

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 8, 2022**

**Prelude**  
Valentina Gavrilova

**Processional**  
"Christ for the world we sing"      **Hymnal 537**

Officiant    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People      **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**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**      **Hymnal S-280**  
**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Officiant      The Lord be with you.  
People        **And also with you.**  
Officiant      Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson - Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
People        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

## Special Music

**“Shalom” by Dan Forrest” sung by Soren Engstrom and Holly Dalrymple**

Peace. Shalom.  
Peace I leave with you,  
Peace I give to you: Peace.  
Not as this world gives,  
I give to you,  
Do not be afraid.  
Shalom, my peace I give to you.  
Peace. Shalom.

## The Second Lesson – Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader      The Word of the Lord.  
People      **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

**“Just as I am”      Hymnal 693 (verses 1-3)**

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## The Holy Gospel

Gospeler      The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 10:22-30)  
People      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Gospeler      The Gospel of the Lord.  
People      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

**The Rev. Gary Jones**

## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and the Lamb! The good shepherd is faithful and true; therefore, let us pray with confidence: “God, keep us; Jesus, lead us.”

Good shepherd, you know your sheep: give us the ears to hear you call our names and the strength to follow where you lead. God, Keep us; **Jesus, lead us.**

For those killed, injured, or traumatized because of human violence, we pray: God, wipe away every tear from their eyes, We pray again for an end to the violence. We pray again for peace. God, Keep us; **Jesus, lead us.**

Creator God, by the victory of your Son, turn the valleys of death into green pastures where living waters flow. Bless and renew your creation. God, Keep us; **Jesus, lead us.**

O Lord, we pray for those who work for justice and peace in our community. Flood this city with goodness and mercy. Extinguish from our region the fear of evil. God, Keep us; **Jesus, lead us.**

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Mighty God, we look for the day when hunger is no more, and thirst is no more. We look for the day when the souls of the downcast are revived, and the displaced find a home in your shelter. In this Easter season, we pray in faith for all those in need. Today we pray especially for Mel, Judith, Lucas, Danny, Marilyn, Darcy, Janet, Amy, Milward, Sunny, Cody, Brock, Hank, Liz, Pat, Martha, Neil, Kris, Nora, and \_\_\_\_\_. God, Keep us; **Jesus, lead us.**

Good Shepherd, your gift is eternal life; those who belong to you never perish. Bring us, and those who have died, into your heavenly home where we may worship you forever and ever. We especially pray for \_\_\_\_\_. Lord, Keep us; **Jesus, lead us.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

## The Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Officiant: 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 *All stand*

### The Holy Communion

#### Choral Anthem

**“Gentle Shepherd” by Molly Ijames Sung by The Cathedral Choir**

1. Gentle Shepherd, lead us onward:  
We have need of nothing more;  
By still waters, through green pastures,  
You our weary souls restore.
2. Gentle Shepherd, for Your glory,  
Guide us safely to our home,  
With Your staff to draw us closer  
When our hearts begins to roam.
3. Gentle Shepherd, when we wander  
Through the valley of despair  
And the darkness overwhelms us,  
You are ever watching there.
4. Gentle Shepherd, Voice of Comfort,  
Calling through the night and cold,  
With Your rod of sweet correction,  
Turn Your sheep back to the fold.
5. Gentle Shepherd, oh what mercy!  
You became the sacrifice,  
Laid Your life down in submission  
When no lamb could pay the price.
6. Gentle Shepherd, interceding  
Leading us through righteous ways,  
Till we reach the upper pasture,  
Where we'll live for endless days.

## Presentation Hymn

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

***This is the Lord's table where ALL are welcome.***

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you do not wish to receive wine please know that receiving only the bread is still a full communion*

## The Holy Communion

### *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
**People And also with you.**  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
**People We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Celebrant and People

### Hymnal S125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

### **Recessional Hymn**

**"God of grace and God of glory" Hymnal 594**

### **The Dismissal**

### **Postlude**

**Valentina Gavrilova**