



Evening Prayer

July 17, 2021

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

- Three bell strike (all stand)

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who upholds us through adversity, who consoles us in our sorrows, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

KYRIE

Russian Orthodox traditional
(Interspersed in the Prayer of Lament)

A PRAYER OF LAMENT

We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress,
the losses that this community has suffered.
We have missed our weekly assembled worship,
our sharing of bread and cup,
our communal song,
baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals;
gatherings for education;
fellowship times;
the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted each day we gather,
and we mourn members, friends, and family who have died of COVID-19.
O God, we lament our losses, for they are many.
Restore us, gracious God.
Restore us, gracious God.

Christe eleison

We lament before you, O God, Sustainer of the universe,
the tragedies that our world has experienced.
We lament the millions sickened;
the countless dead;
thousands unemployed;
medical systems depleted;
economic security threatened;
government assistance inadequate;

political discord escalated;
racial injustice intensified;
communal engagements canceled.
O God, we lament the world's tragedies, for they are incalculable.
Heal us, compassionate God.
Heal us, compassionate God.

Kyrie eleison

Yet today, O God of the everlasting arms,
we rejoice at this re-gathering of our congregation:
we praise you for worship in word and sacrament;
for the personal presence of our pastors, our deacon, and ministers;
for infants, children, youth, adults, and the aged together;
for communal song and live music;
for fellowship gatherings;
for Bible study;
for service with one another for the wider community;
for the mutual consolation of the faithful.
O God, we rejoice at this re-gathering for baptismal life together.
Empower our church, faithful God.
Empower our church, faithful God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, we pray for the emergence of a wholesome world: with healing and consolation, restoration and vocation, respect and abundance, confidence and joy. Renew the whole world, merciful God, grant us your peace we pray,
Amen.

- Sit

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
³he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

John 11:38-44

Today's sermon reading is from the gospel of John:

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Prelude on "The King of Love my Shepherd Is"

Healey Willan

- **Stand**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

- **Stand**

COMMUNION LITURGY FOR THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love . . .

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

EVENING HYMN

“The King of Love my Shepherd Is”

(Hymn)**502**
Stanzas 1, 2, 5, & 6

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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