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## THE WORD OF GOD

### Entrance Rite

### Voluntary

### Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 645

The King of love my shepherd is

*St. Columba*

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy 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 for ever.

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### Opening Acclamation

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*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

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All: **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.**

### Song of Praise

*See pew card*

Canticle 20 *Gloria in excelsis*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 Lessons

*The people sit.*

### The First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.**

*Silence may follow.*

## Psalm 23

*Remain seated. The choir first introduces the antiphon, then the congregations joins the choir on its repetition each time.*

### Antiphon



The Lord is my shep - herd; I shall not be,\_\_\_ in want.

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. **Antiphon**

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. **Antiphon**

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## The Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

*Remain seated.*

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

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

*All stand.*

Hymnal 1982 – 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

*Austria*

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear

for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raise over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

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## Gospel: John 10:22-30

*All remain standing.*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Nancy L.J. Cox

The Nicene Creed

*All stand.*

**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.**

### The Prayers of the People

*All remain standing.*

*From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson*

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

*Silence.*

Father, keep us;

People: **Jesus, lead us.**

Intercessor: For those killed, injured, or traumatized because of human violence, we pray: God, wipe away every tear from their eyes. We pray again for the end to violence. We pray again for peace. *Silence.*

Father, keep us;

People: **Jesus, lead us.**

Intercessor: Creator God, by the victory of your Son, turn valleys of death into green pastures where living waters flow. Bless and renew your creation. *The people are invited to add their thanksgiving, followed by silence.*

Father, keep us;  
People: **Jesus, lead us.**

Intercessor: O Lord, we pray for those who work for justice and peace in our community. Floor this city with goodness and mercy. Extinguish from our region the fear of evil. *Silence.*

Father, keep us;  
People: **Jesus, lead us.**

Intercessor: 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. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Father, keep us;  
People: **Jesus, lead us.**

Intercessor: 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. *Silence.*

Father, keep us;  
People: **Jesus, lead us.**

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## Confession of Sin

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*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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 Priest 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

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*All stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

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*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Anthem

arr. Arlen Clarke

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse, for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down;  
when I was sinking down, sinking down;  
when I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul.  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

to God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

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## Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Sursum Corda

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*The People remain standing.*

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.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.*

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus

*See pew card*

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

## Memorial Acclamation

McNeil Robinson II

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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.

## The Great Amen

*See pew card for music.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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

### Fraction Anthem

*See pew card for music.*

Choir: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,  
says the Lord.

**All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,  
says the Lord.**

Choir: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me  
and I in them.

**All: My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,  
says the Lord**

### Invitation

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*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### Spiritual Communion Prayer

*A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ.*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection;

I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to 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.**

## Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 620

Jerusalem, my happy home

*Land of Rest*

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 Thy saints are crowned with glory great; they see God face to face;  
they triumph still, they still rejoice in that most happy place.
- 3 There David stands with harp in hand as master of the choir:  
ten thousand times would one be blest who might this music hear.
- 4 Our Lady sings Magnificat with tune surpassing sweet,  
and blessèd martyrs' harmony doth ring in every street.
- 5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see  
thine endless joy, and of the same partaker ever be!

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## The Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Loving God,**

**we give you thanks for restoring us in your image**

**and nourishing us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth, a people forgiven, healed, renewed;**

**that we may proclaim your love to the world**

**and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

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Announcements

Closing Hymn

Wonder, Love & Praise – 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

*Sicilian Mariners*

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;

in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2 Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;

do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

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Dismissal

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Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

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## A Note on Today's Readings

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**Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church** on this day in the church year traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd of his people was connected very early in the church's life with Holy Baptism. The Good Shepherd is the most common decoration in baptisteries in church buildings from the second and third centuries. This image was reinforced in the church's art, liturgy, and music by the Old Testament's use of the shepherd image to express the care God has for all people.

In the Book of Revelation, a portion of which is read this year on every Sunday of Easter, we hear today the description of the gathering of all the redeemed. Their white robes are the sign that they have been baptized, for in earlier times the newly baptized were clothed in white. This custom is preserved in many places with christening gowns. The redeemed rejoice, for Christ is in their midst as the Good Shepherd.

Our reading from Acts today describes the ongoing work of the risen Christ through the church. Peter raises Tabitha from death. The great excitement which the early Christians felt was their discovery that Jesus continues to live in his faithful people.

As in John's vision of the heavenly worship so in our Eucharistic gathering Christ the Good Shepherd stands in our midst leading us to the springs of the water of life.

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