



## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Peace is Flowing Like A River*

**B#23**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

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**Celebrant:** *Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

**Congregation:** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

**THE COLLECT OF PURITY**

*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**

**L#243**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*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 READING (seated)**

Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,<sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**

Psalm 23

Chanted

- <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 READING**

1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if

our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*Spirit of The Living God*

L#115

**THE GOSPEL**

John 10:11-18

The Rev. Deacon Michael Hackett

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

**Congregation:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Jerry Phillips

**POST SERMON REFLECTION MUSIC**

Shepherd Me O God

**THE NICENE CREED** (standing)

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.*

*Lord, in your mercy*  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.*

*Lord, in your mercy*  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.*

*Lord, in your mercy*  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation; especially (names).*

*Lord, in your mercy*  
**Hear our prayer.**

*We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.*

*Lord, in your mercy*  
**Hear our prayer.**

## **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

**THE PEACE** (standing)

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

**Congregation:** *And also with you.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Jerry Phillips*

**ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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**THE PRESENTATION**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Celebrant:** *The Lord be with you.*

**Congregation:** ***And also with you.***

**Celebrant:** *Lift up your hearts.*

**Congregation:** ***We lift them to the Lord.***

**Celebrant:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**Congregation:** ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

**THE SANCTUS**

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**THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

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**THE GREAT AMEN**

L#262

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

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**THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE COMMUNION HYMN**

*Nature's Praise*

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**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*standing or kneeling*)

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**PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD** · *Shall We Gather at the River*

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**THE COMMISSIONING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**THE POSTLUDE**