

Second Sunday of Easter – May 8, 2022 - 10 am Service



Processional Hymn: Sing Glory to God - Inside Cover of CP

Collect of the Day:

Officiant: Let us pray

All: O God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: 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: Hear what the spirit is saying to All People

All: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: Psalm 23/Breathe in the Morning Air

Sung: Breathe in the morning air; inhale its fragrancy.
Be still and trust the sacredness that dwells within;
who's ever near; who knows our fears; whose presence calms our restless souls.

***Spoken:* The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

Sung: Rest in this sacred space; lie down in pastures green.
Be present to the mystery of this holy place.
Hear singing streams; feel earth's embrace; see how our lives are touched by grace.

***Spoken:* He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Sung: Here in this darkest vale, shadowed by grief and fear,
We sense a loving presence that our hearts sustain.
Our fears subside; our minds are calm; our panic flees, and peace remains.

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

Sung: Walk in the way of love, of justice and of peace.
Bring loving to a world of pain and loneliness.
Reach out in love and gentleness to heal the hurt of brokenness.

***Spoken:* Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Sung: Trust in the love of God; believe that goodness lives,
that hope and joy and beauty will embrace our days.
Pursued by love and touched by grace, our thankful hearts will offer praise

Second Reading: Revelations 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: Hear what the spirit is saying to All People

***Response:* Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: Like a Shepherd He Feeds His Sheep (vs1-2 before, vs 3-4 after)

Chorus Like a Shepherd He feeds His flock and gathers the lambs in His arms
Holding them carefully close to His heart, leading them home.

Vs Say to the cities of Judah, "Prepare the way of the Lord!
Go to the mountaintop! Lift your voice! Jerusalem, here is your God!"

The Gospel - John 10:22-30

Deacon: God Be with you

All: And also with you,
Deacon: The Good news of Jesus Christ according to John
All: Glory to you, Jesus 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 Good News of Jesus
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Chorus Like a Shepherd He feeds His flock and gathers the lambs in His arms
Holding them carefully close to His heart, leading them home.

Offertory Hymn – 619 – Fairest Lord Jesus

Prayer Over the Gifts:

Officiant: Let us pray.
All: **God of Loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen**

Sung Amen

Amen, Amen O Holy One, Hosanna and amen
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Communion Hymn

CP 630 You, Lord are both lamb and shepherd (Tune CP 48)
CP 553 Ubi Caritas

Prayer After Communion:

Officiant: Let us pray
All: **God Of Steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus the risen Lord. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: – SGP 24 – I am the Light of the World