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SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



TODAY'S READINGS **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2. 42-47
Ps 23
1 Peter 2. 1-10
John 10. 1-10

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7. 55-60
Ps 31. 1-5, 17-18
1 Peter 2. 11-25
John 14. 1-14



The word, *panic*, comes from the name of the Greek god, Pan, whose flocks of goats and sheep were known to panic.

Jesus tells us that sheep follow the shepherd's voice, and so we have no need to panic and scatter, mentally or physically, like a flock of startled sheep.

Jesus knows each one of his flock and he calls out to each one of us by name - especially during this time of anxiety. Listen for the Shepherd's voice.

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ABM's Partnerships Coordinator.*

FINANCIAL SUPPORT of the Cathedral during this crisis is vital.

The easiest & best way is by giving electronically. Those who give by this method, please continue to do so and thank you.

If this is a new concept for you to consider, please do not be daunted, our Parish Treasurer/ Warden will assist in the set up. Pamela's contact details are listed on the back page.

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MINISTRY



A Prayer for St. George's Cathedral,
our sister church in Jerusalem

Our God, as you nurture the Body of Christ in different places, we ask your blessing for our sister church in Jerusalem. In difficult times, may your Spirit sustain, guide and protect your people there. Bring joy to them as they witness to your presence.
In Jesus' name, **Amen**

TREASURER'S UPDATE... Your financial assistance is urgently requested, without our regular services, our collections have reduced dramatically.

Adding to our financial concern while the Cathedral is closed, we are not open to tourists so that income is down by over \$1,000 each month.

We can't hire the hall as usual and of course, no markets can be held. Weddings have been postponed.

In recent weeks our direct "giving" has increased as some have taken up the call and I am very grateful to those who have added their "giving" by way of direct payments and to several parishioners who have made generous donations, this is much appreciated.

If we all just keep giving as we would normally each Sunday, we will be able to pay our overhead accounts.

Direct credit to the Parish account is the easiest way or phone the office to leave a message and I will collect your envelope. Your giving will be, as always, anonymous. Your help will be appreciated.

Pamela Shaw
Treasurer & Warden

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SENTENCE OF THE DAY

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

COLLECT

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep:
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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FIRST READING

Reading from ACTS Chapter 2 beginning at 42nd verse

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.

He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

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 comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the face of those who
 trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all
 the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING

Reading from 1 PETER Chapter 10 beginning at 1st verse

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity,
 envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure,
 spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed
 you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen
 and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves
 be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer
 spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not
 believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner',

and

'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were
 destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
 God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts
 of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Chapter 10 beginning at 1st Verse

GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice.

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.

I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF LORD

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

REFECTION -The Good Shepherd

Canon Anne Wentzel

Often, we think “abundant life” means having more stuff, like a nicer car, a bigger house, a boat, a holiday retreat, a better computer or mega-size television, whatever. More stuff.

Such things aren’t necessarily bad, although they can be, but they’re not what Jesus is talking about.

Fortunately, our readings give us better pictures of the abundant life God wants for us.

First, there’s the picture in John, of the good shepherd who knows the sheep by name. The sheep know the shepherd’s voice. Jesus the good shepherd leads the sheep, guiding and protecting them. Abundant life starts with knowing the voice of the good shepherd, recognising God guiding and protecting us.

Psalm 23 uses the same image. For a sheep, the picture of heaven must be grazing in an abundant, lush, green field, with a clear, still creek there to drink from, and the shepherd keeping watch. With God as our shepherd, we can trust that whatever happens, nothing can separate us from God’s love.

Even in the valley of the shadow of death, even in the darkest valleys of life, God is walking on the journey with us, watching, comforting us.

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REFECTION -The Good Shepherd continues

Knowing God is on our side allows us to live a life of freedom, free from worrying about needing to have everything figured out, free from worrying about what could happen in the future.

The abundant life Jesus calls us to is not about having more stuff. It's not even about doing the right things. It's about living with purpose, following our shepherd.

Maybe abundant life looks like more generosity, providing for one another's needs. Maybe it looks like overcoming fears of nursing homes and taking time to visit people.

Maybe abundant life looks like believing there is someone who knows your name and cares about your story; maybe it looks like children singing in worship; maybe it looks like helping others live abundantly.

Whatever, each and everyone of us is called to do something special to the shepherds call to us.

May you be blessed to live the abundant life to which the Good Shepherd calls you.

Amen.

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INTERCESSIONS

Prepared by: Pamela Shaw

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Our response to: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks that when we wander far from you, you lead us back to your way of truth: look in mercy on your world. We pray for all the people of the world; for victims of cruel political regimes or unjust social systems; for all who suffer as a result of the Corona Virus. We pray for our State and Federal political leaders that they may work together for the benefit of our country's health.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks that you come to find us, not in anger but with outstretched arms; look in mercy on your church. We pray for leaders of churches, for priests and ministers; for chaplains, youth workers and pastoral carers; for all in this parish who bring your love to others at this time of isolation. Teach us together to share your good news in the world.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks that you seek out the lost and care for the lonely and the weak; look in mercy on those who suffer. We pray for those living with fear, loneliness, grief or pain; for those whose minds are troubled, whose spirits are sad, whose bodies hurt; for the sick and the dying, those whom we name and those known only to you.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks that you are ever ready to receive your children, rejoicing to welcome us from death to life; look in mercy on those who have died. We give you thanks for your faithful people of every age, those who have taught us the way of faith. May we, with these and all your saints, come home to find our with you, and join with you in the feast you prepare for all who love you.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught 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.



ROBERT SMITH retires....

I have recently received word from our organist, Robert Smith, that he has decided to retire from his position.

Robert has in fact served as Cathedral Organist on two separate occasions; the first being when Robert was a little younger,

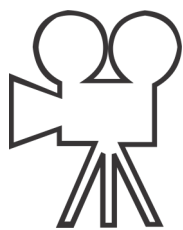
between 1958 and 1961, and again more recently for the last 13 years.

It is with sadness that I have accepted Robert's resignation, understanding that all good things must come to an end.

I am grateful for Robert's excellent musicianship and wholehearted commitment to the Cathedral over the years and his support of the Dean and clergy.

We are also grateful for Adrienne's support of Robert's work, often being present in services with him in the company of their much loved Michi. We will miss them all.

When the "lockdown" is over we will take the opportunity to farewell Robert more appropriately.



Our SUNDAY Services are recorded in the Cathedral each Saturday for your viewing on Sunday. Thank you to the choir members for their contribution. Thanks to Barbara Griffin for her expertise and many hours editing and uploading.

The recorded service certainly keeps us connected and is the next best thing to worshipping together.



Ways we can help? If you would like to speak to either Dean Phillip or Canon Anne, please phone our office: 4821 2206.

Pamela and I are working from home as our internet access from the office is not functioning, so please leave a phone message with your contact details. We monitor the phone messages every day.

One of us will return your call and set up a convenient time to one of the clergy to contact you.

If you are wanting to "give" via your envelope, then also phone the office : 4821 2206 and leave your name and number and message. Pamela will then call to your home and collect your "offering".

If you are shopping for food items for our pantry, please leave your bags of groceries outside the office if it is locked and we will bring them in each week day. Remember, we are NOT COLLECTING TOILET PAPER for the food pantry.

Reminder: to access and view the services pre-recorded go to our website: www.goulburncathedral.org.au.

Click on Cathedral Online and follow the prompts.

Stay safe, take care of yourself and stay home, then our community will be protected. Keep in touch with each other and hold each other in prayer.

HOME COMMUNIONS

CELEBRANT: (N), we send you out to share Communion with those unable to come to Church.

PEOPLE: May you carry the prayers of our Cathedral community as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

CELEBRANT: May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in Christ. **AMEN**

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