

Welcome to
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



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Our Mission: To seek, know, love and serve
Christ in all persons and all Creation.

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Music: Gerry & Jackie Guimond

Bishop of Minnesota: The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya

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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Grayson Warren Brown

Refrain

The Lord is my shep - herd, I sing al - le -
 lu - ia. For in God there's noth - ing
 I shall want. In fresh green
 pas - tures he rests my spir - it
 and calls me to dwell in the house of the

Fine

Lord.

Verses

1. The Lord is my shep - herd, he fills all my needs.
 2. I'll be on the right path with God as my shep -

1. In fresh green pas - tures he leads me to
 2. herd, for our God is faith - ful and true to his

1. rest. Near cool clear wa - ters he
 2. name. And if I should walk through the

1. quench - es my spir - it, and strength - ens my
 2. val - ley of dark - ness, I will not

1. faith in the God of my joy.
 2. fear, for my God al - ways is near.

to Refrain

(Lines in **BOLD** are spoken by the People)

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says

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

Mass of a Joyful Heart
 Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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peace to his peo - ple on earth. to Verses 1

Fine | *mf*

1. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -

1. might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you

1. thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

2. God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

2. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa -

D.S.
re - ceive our prayer.

3. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

3. for you a - lone are the Most High,

3. Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

3. glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.



I am led on-ward in ways true to the Name.
you spread a ban-quet in the sight of my foes.
with - in the house of God my soul is at rest.



Guide me, O shep-herd of my heart; lead me home-ward through the



dark, in-to ev-er-last-ing, day. Show me the way of truth and



light; keep me al-ways in your sight. May my life nev-er



part from the shep-herd of my heart.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gradual Hymn

Mass of a Joyful Heart

Refrain: All

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. lu - ia. lu - ia!

(Ord. Time) 1. Let your heart re - joice in the Lord. Let your
1. word pro - claim his deeds. Let your voice sing out to the
1. world that our God has come to save.

Holy Gospel

John 10: 1-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

All who are able, please stand.

People and Celebrant

Nicene Creed

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Gathered in the care of the Good Shepherd and guardian of our souls, let us in trust pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For all who serve the holy church of God, who serve tables and who preach and pray, who shepherd the lost and care for those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who are persecuted for the gospel, for all who have been martyred for their witness to the truth, for all in lonely places who rejoice in the hope of the resurrection, and for the blessed community of the saints, living and dead, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all in the world who care for the sick, the dying, the hungry and the destitute, the mentally ill and the deformed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For victims of rage and sudden violence, especially for abused children and spouses, for political prisoners, victims of extortion, of murder, and of natural catastrophe, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all here gathered and our specific needs, that we may come to receive abundant life at God's hand, and at the last to rest in Christ's shepherding love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in any need, especially Ashley Kostiuk, Bruce Olson, Kris & Steve McClenney, Robin Monahan, Mike LeMieux, Michael Valdez, Meghan Finlayson, Mike Solomon, Wade Howe, Dave Karraffa, Kristi Jorgenson, Karen Cendejas, & Sue Vidor. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for the work of the House of Prayer and all spiritual directors serving in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota and pray for all engaged in the Faithful Innovation, Mustard Seeds and New Christian Communities. For St. Johns' Anglican Church (*Fort Frances, Ontario*), and Evangelical Covenant Church (Int'; Falls). Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

O loving God, we commend to your mercy all who have died and pray that we and all your saints may share life in your eternal dominion. Enable us to know that by Christ's wounds we have been healed, and that by the power of his risen and Spirit-giving life we are empowered to serve you all our days. We pray through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

Silence.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated

Announcements

Holy Communion

The celebrant says

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us.

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds (Lines in **Bold** are spoken by the People)*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo -
- ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
 in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high -
 - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever:



The people may stand or kneel.

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

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 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is open to everyone

Communion Hymn

From The Good Shepherd

Text and Music: Jacklynne M. Faragher, August 1986

***R. Little sheep, where are you going?
Are you lost, or gone astray?
Follow me – I'm the Good Shepherd;
I am the Truth, the Life, the Way.***

1. My truth brings peace and not disaster,
Deceit and lies seek to destroy.
Truth demands risk, but you'll discover
Love's boundless freedom and endless joy. **R.**

2. I gave you life because I love you,
And made it lasting through my own Son;
I sent my Spirit to stay and guide you
Until my work through you is done. **R.**

3. My way may sometimes seem so unpleasant,
But I know all, .. and where I lead
Will bring you growth and true fulfillment;
I know exactly ... what you need. **R.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All who are able, please stand or kneel

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 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children
through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches
of his blessing. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

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Refrain

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lu - ia. For in God there's noth - ing
I shall want. In fresh green
pas - tures he rests my spir - it
and calls me to dwell in the house of the
Lord.

Fine

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the Refrain of the hymn. It consists of seven staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The word 'Lord.' is written at the end of the sixth staff. The word 'Fine' is written above the final note of the seventh staff.

Verses

3. You set up a ban - quet in sight of my foes, —
4. I know that your good - ness will be by my side, —

3. _____ and call me to ta - ble to eat at your
4. _____ and I'll know your great love the rest of my

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the Verses of the hymn. It consists of two staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first two lines of lyrics are numbered 3 and 4, and the last two lines are also numbered 3 and 4. The lyrics are: '3. You set up a ban - quet in sight of my foes, —', '4. I know that your good - ness will be by my side, —', '3. _____ and call me to ta - ble to eat at your', and '4. _____ and I'll know your great love the rest of my'. The word 'Lord.' is written at the end of the first staff.



3. side. You fill up my cup _____ past the
 4. days. † For I shall live _____ in the



3. brim and o - ver - flow - ing † just like your
 4. house _____ of _____ my shep - herd for ev -



3. love, my _____ shep - herd _____ and God.
 4. er and _____ ev - er. _____ A - men.

to Refrain

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia, let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Next Sunday: May 2nd ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist



**April 26th – May 2nd ~ Donna Day
~ Angie Tusler
~ Brad Johnson**

***Congratulations to you: May your faith be true &
may God's love and blessing descend upon you!***