



CHRIST CHURCH

ON CAPITOL SQUARE

CELTIC HOLY EUCHARIST

MAY 12, 2019

5 P.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH. TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP AND TO ALLOW FOR PRIVATE PRAYER, PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE UPON ENTERING AND TURN OFF ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

VOLUNTARY

POEM: Mother

Ted Kooser

Mid April already, and the wild plums bloom at the roadside, a lacy white against the exuberant, jubilant green of new grass and the dusty, fading black of burned-out ditches. No leaves, not yet, only the delicate, star-petaled blossoms, sweet with their timeless perfume.

You have been gone a month today and have missed three rains and one nightlong watch for tornadoes. I sat in the cellar from six to eight while fat spring clouds went somersaulting, rumbling east. Then it poured, a storm that walked on legs of lightning, dragging its shaggy belly over the fields.

The meadowlarks are back, and the finches are turning from green to gold. Those same two geese have come to the pond again this year, honking in over the trees and splashing down.

They never nest, but stay a week or two then leave. The peonies are up, the red sprouts burning in circles like birthday candles,

for this is the month of my birth, as you know, the best month to be born in, thanks to you, everything ready to burst with living.

There will be no more new flannel nightshirts sewn on your old black Singer, no birthday card addressed in a shaky but businesslike hand.

You asked me if I would be sad when it happened and I am sad. But the iris I moved from your house now hold in the dusty dry fists of their roots green knives and forks as if waiting for dinner, as if spring were a feast. I thank you for that. Were it not for the way you taught me to look at the world, to see the life at play in everything, I would have to be lonely forever.

HYMN: The King of love my shepherd is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody; harm. *Hymnal 1982*

OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant: Stay with us, Christ, for it is evening.

People: Make your Church bright with your radiance.

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 READING: John 10:22-30

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."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Reading is followed by a brief period of silent reflection.

SERMON

The Rev. James P. Adams

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

During this time, and at any time hereafter, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayers. Tapers and votives are on the stands by the chancel steps. Please feel free to go to any of these places to light a candle.

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE

Please Stand

Priest: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

Leader: We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

Leader and People: **Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People may conclude with the following collect:

Priest: Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages. **Amen.**

HYMN: My Shepherd will supply my need



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
or a guest, but like a child at home.____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23

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PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

All now exchange a sign of peace, then please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *Please stand.*

From A New Zealand Prayer Book

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: **God's Spirit is with us.**

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 offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word
you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image;
male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away
You called us back to yourself
And gave your Son to share our human nature.
In him the light which shines for all
Has come into the world,
And he has become one with us
That we may become one with you.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
 on the night before he died
 your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
 when he had given you thanks,
 he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 Take, eat, this is my body
 which is given for you;
 do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
 when he had given you thanks,
 he gave it to them and said:
 Drink this, all of you,
 for this is my blood of the new covenant
 which is shed for you and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins;
 do this as often as you drink it,
 to remember me.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ;
 your death we show forth;
 your resurrection we proclaim;
 your coming we await;
 Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant: Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION: Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Refrain: Cantor

Refrain: All

Verse: (Cantor) The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Refrain: All

Verse: (Cantor) One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Refrain: All



Celebrant: God's holy gifts for you, God's holy people. Come to this table to be strengthened to follow Jesus out into the world. Come full of faith, come full of doubt, come to be revived and renewed. It is Christ himself who bids you to come.

All: Thanks be to God!

All baptized Christians, of all ages, are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

If you would like a blessing instead, place your hands on your heart.

For a gluten-free wafer, extend your hands, palms down.

Please notify an usher if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

AFTER COMMUNION

Please Stand or Kneel

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people. Therefore, everliving God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN: We walk by faith, and not by sight

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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