

Fourth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 3, 2020

St. Clare of Assisi Parish, O'Fallon Illinois

PRELUDE: Passacaglia
Toccata in G Major

André Raison (1640-1719)
Wilhelm H. Pachelbel (1686-1764)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Good Shepherd, You Know Us

St. Denio



1. Good Shep-herd, you know us, you call us by name.
2. Good Shep-herd, you warn us of rob - bers and thieves,
3. Good Shep-herd, you lay down your life for the sheep.
4. At one with the Fa - ther, you made your - self known:



You lead us; we glad - ly ac - knowl-edge your claim.
The hire-ling, the wolf who de - stroys and de - ceives.
Your love is not fick - le, your gift is not cheap.
"I am the Good Shep-herd," at one with your own.



Your voice has com - pelled us; we come at your call.
All praise for your prom - ise on which we shall stand,
You spend your life free - ly, you take it a - gain.
You loved us be - fore we had heed - ed or heard;

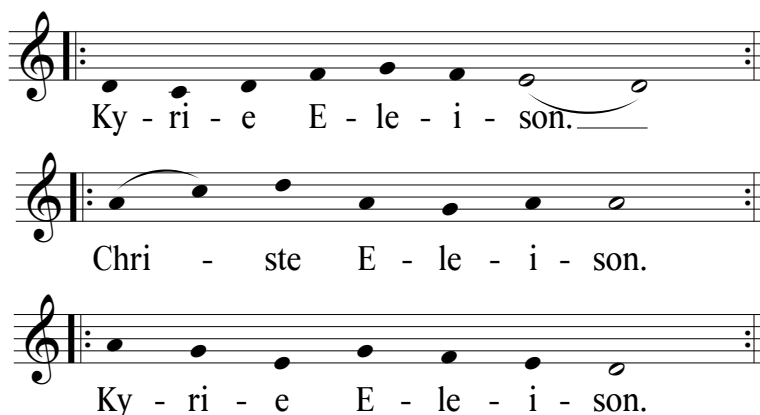


And none you have cho - sen will fi - nal - ly fall.
That no one can snatch us from out of your hand.
You died, so we live; we are healed by your pain.
By grace we re - spond to your life - giv - ing word.

PENITENTIAL ACT

in Tempus Paschale

Stephen Eros
quoting Victimae Paschali Laudes



GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Wisdom
Found on the next page

Steve Janco

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O
God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,
On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,
have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,
raised his voice, and proclaimed:
“Let the whole house of Israel know for certain
that God has made both Lord and Christ,
this Jesus whom you crucified.”
Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart,
and they asked Peter and the other apostles,
“What are we to do, my brothers?”
Peter said to them,
“Repent and be baptized, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is made to you and to your children
and to all those far off,
whomever the Lord our God will call.”
He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them,
“Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”
Those who accepted his message were baptized,
and about three thousand persons were added that day.



St. Peter Preaching in the Presence of St. Mark – Fra Angelico, c. 1433.



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. R.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of
the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are
with me.

Your crook and your staff will give
me comfort. R.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. R.

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SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20b-25

You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

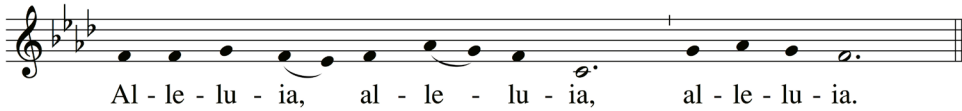
Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good,
this is a grace before God.

For to this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.
He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult;
when he suffered, he did not threaten;
instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.
He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed.
For you had gone astray like sheep,
but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.



*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me. - John 10:14*

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

“Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate
but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.
But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice,
as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
When he has driven out all his own,
he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him,
because they recognize his voice.
But they will not follow a stranger;
they will run away from him,
because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.”
Although Jesus used this figure of speech,
the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.
So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you,
I am the gate for the sheep.
All who came before me are thieves and robbers,
but the sheep did not listen to them.
I am the gate.
Whoever enters through me will be saved,
and will come in and go out and find pasture.
A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;
I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED

The Church particularly recommends the use of the Apostles' Creed during Easter Time. This ancient Creed, dating back to the early centuries of the Church, is the basis of our baptismal promises.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,

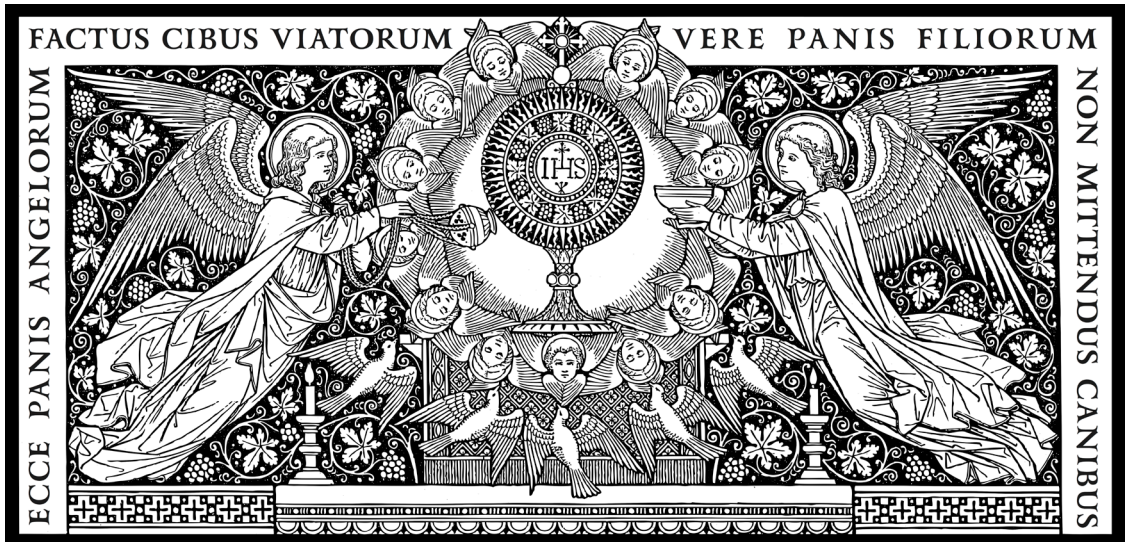
Making a profound bow...

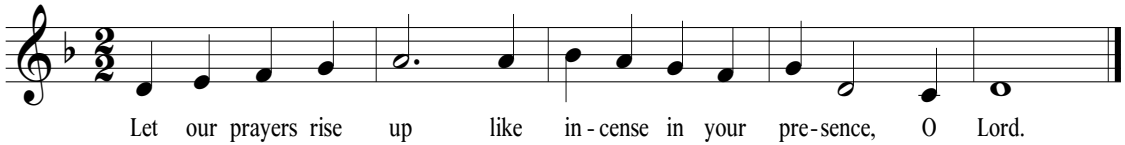
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;

on the third day
he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.





We pray in communion with the Church for the monthly intention of Pope Francis: that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

We pray for our new shepherd, Bishop-Elect Michael McGovern: that he may lead us with a shepherd's care calling us forth to serve a world in need, reminding us what it means to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice.

We pray in thanksgiving for parishioners Nick Fleming and Joel Seipp who joyfully anticipate the Sacrament of Holy Orders: that their example will inspire more young men in our diocese to consider a vocation to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

We pray for government leaders: that God will give them insight and courage as they develop plans to both preserve the health and safety of society and to reopen the economy.

We pray for the poor, the sick, and those in isolation: that the Christian community will find new ways to minister to their brothers and sisters in need.

We pray for all who are discerning their direction in life, and for the friends, mentors, parents, and counselors who are guiding them. May the Holy Spirit inspire all who are making vocational decisions and give them courage to follow God's invitation.

We pray for the intentions of those watching this broadcast. At this time, we will pause for a moment as you voice your intentions in your home, or type them in the comments field to share with your community.

We pray for our faithful departed ones: that Jesus may take them into the abundant and eternal life that is heaven, especially **Rose Herbert, sister of Eleanor Henken.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

MY SHEPHERD, YOU SUPPLY MY NEED

Southern Harmony

My Shepherd, you supply me need;
Most holy is your name.
In pastures green you make me feed
Beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake your ways,
And lead me, for your mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through
the shades of death,
Your presence is my stay.
One word of your supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
Does still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows;
Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days.
O may your house be my abode
And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.



The mosaic above is the central chapel in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. Appropriately, it has been the altar of repose for the Blessed Sacrament since 1926. The depiction of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is among the oldest themes in Christian art. The Greek abbreviation IC-XC and the word nika translate: "Jesus Christ / Victor." This mosaic contains every variety and color of pure gold.

Thank you to all parishioners who have continued regular giving through our time of physical separation. Your financial support is essential to our parish operations. During this time of physical separation, we are working to be present to you in different ways. We are striving to keep you spiritually fed with liturgy and prayer resources for your homes. Our outreach ministries are engaging with the “at risk” population who need additional assistance during this time.

Envelopes can be mailed via USPS or dropped in the secure dropbox by the Parish Office entrance. To give online, visit www.stclarechurch.org/donate

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,
but on this day / in this time above all
to laud you yet more gloriously,
when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

continues...

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise
and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,
sing together the unending hymn of your glory,
as they acclaim:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

The musical score for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' is written on five staves. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano voice. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.'

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical score for 'Memorial Acclamation' is written on two staves. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano voice. The lyrics are: 'Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.'

GREAT AMEN

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The musical score for 'Great Amen' is written on one staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano voice. The lyrics are: 'A - men. A - men. A - men.'

COMMUNION RITE

LAMB OF GOD

Cantor *All*

*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

Cantor *All*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION CHANT

Graduale Romanum

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things
and I desire to receive You in my body, my soul, and my whole being.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.


PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon or Priest:



Go in the peace of Christ, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Assembly:

Thanks be to God, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
Found on the last page

POSTLUDE: Chaconne

François Couperin (1668-1733)



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1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic -
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel
3. Might - y vic - tim from on high, Hell's fierce pow'rs be -
4. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, This a - lone can



to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umph - ant go
neath you lie; You have con - quered in the fight,
sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,



Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Praise we him, whose
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose
You have brought us life and light. Now no more can
New - born souls in you to be. Fa - ther, who the



love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
death ap - pall, Now no more the grave en - thrall;
crown shall give, Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Gives his Bod - y for the feast:
With sin - cer - i - ty and love
You have o - pened par - a - dise,
Spir - it, guide through all our days:



Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
Eat we man - na from a - bove.
And in you your saints shall rise.
Three in One, your name we praise.