

The Acts of the Apostles

4:5-12

The Jewish authorities thought they had ended once and for all the movement that began with Jesus. Obviously, they were wrong.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Psalm 23 King James Version

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1. The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3. He restoreth my soul;
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The First Letter of John

3:16-24

How indeed can God's love abide in us if we refuse to help our brothers and sisters in need?

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his com-

mandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gradual Hymn 708

Sicilian Mariners

Gospel Acclamation

Plainsong, arr. Gevert



Pastor The Holy Gospel according to John

10:11-18

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"I am the good shepherd" is one of several "I am" sayings in the Gospel of John. We will hear another next week.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

A Time of Silent Reflection

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for all peoples throughout the world. May people who suffer, and are caught up in the midst of war in their lands, find peace through you;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all those in religious orders, for lay and ordained ministers, and all the holy people of God;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We give thanks for the blessings of our lives. We lift up our thanksgivings (*we leave time for people to say silently or aloud the things for which they are grateful.*) Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Bill, Shirley, Helen and Eleanore Jenks, and for Richard, Celia, Rachel and Christopher Kirby and for their families;

That we may serve and love them, and one another, as Christ loves us.

Have compassion on those who suffer, especially (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added.*) We pray for all who are afflicted with any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all those who have died, especially those who we name (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added.*) Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all the saints, those we love in this world, and in the next;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Peace and the Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 195

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Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3

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The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

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