

## PARISH LIFE

**Our Vision:** *Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Our Mission:** *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

## CHRIST TOGETHER CYCLE OF PRAYER:

### WNY ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP CYCLE OF PRAYER:

### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

*If you are VISITING for the FIRST TIME please see one of our Greeters or Ushers. We have a gift at our Information Center that we would like to give to you.*

*If you would like an Assisted Hearing Device to use during the service please see an Usher.*

***Please notify the Church Office of any address, phone number, or email changes so that we may keep our records current.***

***Also, please have someone notify the Church Office if you are or will be hospitalized so one of our clergy may visit you.***

# ***St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church***

*Serving as the Pro-Cathedral of the International Diocese of the ACNA*

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## 4th Sunday of Easter

### Good Shepherd Sunday

Saturday, May 2, 2020 4:30pm HE

Sunday, May 3, 2020 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am HE

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### **Versicles, Gloria & Salutation**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter:** O God, whose Son Jesus Christ 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.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Introduction:** Loving the unlovable is God's hallmark. Israel was disobedient, hard-hearted, and forgetful of God's miracles as they wandered in the wilderness, yet God still loved and provided for them with food and water in the desert. God's love in the past was always constant.

**Nehemiah 9:6-15:** "You alone are the LORD. You have made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them and the heavenly host bows down before You. "You are the LORD God, who chose Abram and brought him out from Ur of the Chaldees, and gave him the name Abraham. "You found his heart faithful before You, and made a covenant with him to give him the land of the Canaanite, of the Hittite and the Amorite, of the Perizzite, the Jebusite and the Girgashite— to give it to his descendants. And You have fulfilled Your promise, for You are righteous. "You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their cry by the Red Sea. "Then You performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh, against all his servants and all the people of his land; for You knew that they acted arrogantly toward them, and made a name for Yourself as it is this day. "You divided the sea before them, so they passed through the midst of the sea on dry ground; and their pursuers You hurled into the depths, like a stone into raging waters. "And with a pillar of cloud You led them by day, and with a pillar of fire by night to light for them the way in which they were to go. "Then You came down on Mount Sinai, and spoke with

them from heaven; you gave them just ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments. “So You made known to them Your holy sabbath, and laid down for them commandments, statutes and law, through Your servant Moses. “You provided bread from heaven for them for their hunger, you brought forth water from a rock for them for their thirst, and You told them to enter in order to possess the land which You swore to give them.”

**Psalm 23 Dominus regit me**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; therefore I can lack nothing.
- 2 **He shall feed me in green pastures and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.**
- 3 He shall refresh my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.
- 4 **Even 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.**
- 5 You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**SECOND READING**

**Introduction:** God is Creator - but a “usurper,” Satan, is temporarily in control. Paul called him the “god of this world.” This unseen enemy as a ‘roaring lion’ tries to prey upon the lambs (you and me) of the Good Shepherd, Christ Jesus. St. Peter writes: “Resist him, firm in your faith!”

**1 Peter 2:13-25:** Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if, when you do what is right and suffer for it, you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Introduction:** There is only one God in the universe. That one God, for our salvation, “came down from heaven and was incarnate.” As the Good Shepherd, He alone provides the one door, for all His lambs to escape the second death. All other spiritual “doors,” are false, provided by “thieves and robbers” who would steal mankind’s hope in the Resurrection, available only through the One Door, Christ Jesus. Behind all false doors lies the “wolf” (Satan the devil). However, Jesus’ lambs, “will flee from him, for they know not the voice of strangers...”

**St. John 10:1-10:** “Jesus said: “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. “But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. “To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. “When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. “A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them. So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. “All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. “I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and 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.”

Sermon Hymn Hymnal  
**The Sermon** Fr. Ward  
**Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession** Pr Bk.pp. 127-129

Exchange of the ‘Peace,’ Announcements

Offertory 9:15am  
 11:15am

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Great Thanksgiving & Holy Week Preface (Euch. Prayer B) Pr.Bk.p. 132

**Communion Hymn** 9:15am  
 9:15 & 11:15am

Thanksgiving & Priest’s Blessing Pr.Bk.p.

**Closing Hymn** Hymnal

**The Dismissal** CLERGY: “Let us bless the Lord.”  
 PEOPLE: “Thanks be to God”

**THE CALENDAR**

**Sun. 4/26 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am HE**  
**Mon. 4/27**  
**Tues. 4/28**  
**Wed. 4/29**  
**Thur. 4/30**  
**Sat. 5/02**  
**Sun. 5/03 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am Sunday School**

**Our Leadership & Staff**

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