May 3, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter Psalm 23 John 10:1-10

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OPENING MUSIC

RING THE BELL, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is in our midst! All around, everywhere, and within. The Risen Lord greets us in love, as love, with love, unending, inviting, and including. Easter is more than a day, a season of the heart, a Reality to live. As we gather here today, we gather in our hearts, united at a soul level with divine Presence, grace-fully giving healing, and setting us free in the fullness of life. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, Pace e bene. Peace and All Good. This is how your servant, St. Francis greeted people in his life. This is how we gather, responding to your call. Peace is here, not without struggle, but held in the midst of it; not free from suffering, but transforming within it. Your goodness holds the world together. As we worship you, hear the prayers of our hearts. As your love claims us, draw us closer with each breath. Open us to awareness of Christ in our midst. Help us trust the deep dive into the depths of life and your infinite love. Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

(And also with you). Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23, John 10:1-10

WORDS OF WITNESS “God Is With(in) Me”

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PRAYER: Shall we pray? As the shepherd leads the sheep, O Lord, we follow your lead as you teach us that it’s good to give. As we share with others and help those in need, you free us from attachments that control us. Bless the gifts as they’re given, and use them as the ministry and mission of the Church seeks to live out your purpose. (Share the Lord’s Prayer as well). Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As we go into the day, into the week, into the season ahead, into the Reality of Easter, we trust the LORD to lead us. As we go deeper into our soul’s journey, through the cross, we trust the LORD to heal us. As infinite love helps us rest in nothing but infinite love, we trust the LORD to keep us. As God’s kindness transforms us into our True Self, may the love of God the Father, the grace and peace of Christ Jesus, and the ongoing Presence of the Holy Spirit, be with us, NOW, even as forever. Amen.

CLOSING MUSIC

## Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.
1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
2   He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;\*
3   he restores my soul.\*
He leads me in right paths\*
   for his name’s sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,\*
   I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
   your rod and your staff—
   they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me
   in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
   my cup overflows.
6 Surely\* goodness and mercy\* shall follow me
   all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
   my whole life long.\*

## John 10:1-10

10‘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. 2The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ 6Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.