

THE SERMON The Rev. Fr. Copeland D. Johnston

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620 *Jerusalem, my happy home*

POSTLUDE: *Oh, Be Joyful in the Lord* Roger C. Wilson
(Based on a traditional Hebrew melody)

This week in your prayers, please remember:

Healing & Guidance: Ivan McRoy, Jim & Muffy Bowman, Rosemary Turnage, Lou Batton (Mark Batton's mother, Sylvia Sutter's sister), Alethia Anderson, Evelyn Britt (John's mom), Donald Michaud, Bob Cruse, Bishop Carl Wright, Bishop David O'Connell, Tracie Bowen, Olivia Hill, Jayne Spangler, Jason Alford, Alan Daughtry, Pamela & Lehman Woods, Jane Baker, Katherine Mitchell, Sallie Sawyer, Roy Williams, Sara Jo Manning, The Wester family, David Smith (Tim Smith's brother), Joe Buziak, The Thobe family

Remember the Caregivers: Johnie

Military: Bradley Craig Ward, Chris Raducha, Adam Raducha, Hayden Tankard, Nathaniel Bowen, Frank Yenny (Jack & Kathryn Brake's grandson), McCauley Griffin (Annie Griffin's grandson), Sloan Smith (Robert Tankard's niece), Walker Brown (Pat & Sue Brown's grandson), Lonnie Carraway (Stephanie & Ken Reynold's son-in-law)

Birthdays: Jan Cochran (21st)

Serving Today:
Celebrant: The Rev. Fr. Copeland D. Johnston
Organist: Sylvia Sutter
Acolytes: Larry McAvoy (8), Fritz Morrison (10)
Eucharistic Minister: LaRue Chuman (8)
Susan Simpson (10)
Lector: Lisa Conner (8), Kathy Sutter (10)
Ushers: Bob Sutter, Jimmy Latham
Altar Guild: Ginger Morrison
Flower Guild: Allison Smith
Coffee Hour: Allison & Tim Smith

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PRELUDE: *Meditation on CRIMOND* Roger C. Wilson
Psalm 23 (Based on an old hymn melody by J. Irvine)

205 *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity 355

S278 *Gloria*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

The Collect For The Day

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 First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

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

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 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.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

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 commandments 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.

664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

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."