

Canticle A Song of Christ the Servant

**Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.**

**Christ suffered for you, leaving you
an example,
that you should follow in his steps.**

**He committed no sin, no guile was
found on his lips,
when he was reviled, he did not
revile in turn.**

**When he suffered, he did not
threaten,
but he trusted himself to God who
judges justly.**

**Christ himself bore our sins in his
body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to
righteousness.**

**By his wounds, you have been
healed,
for you were straying like sheep,
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of
your souls.**

1 Peter 2.21b-25

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness, that we may seek
those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

New Testament Reading

Acts 4.5-12

⁵The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes
assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas
the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and
Alexander, and all who were of the
high-priestly family. ⁷When they had
made the prisoners stand in their
midst, they inquired, 'By what power
or by what name did you do this?'
⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit,
said to them, 'Rulers of the people and
elders, ⁹if we are questioned today
because of a good deed done to
someone who was sick and are asked
how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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.

¹¹This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by
you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone."

¹²There 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 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^[f] shall
follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of
the LORD
my whole life long.^[g]

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Gospel Reading

John 10.11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.'

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

ST JOHN

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

ST MICHAEL

Those newly in need of prayer

Alison Toplis, Anne Whatson, David Kendrick, Steve Baker, Phillip Goodwin, Sam Bassett,

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Mark Berry, Elizabeth Chapman, Chris Clayton, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Martin Dewes, Chris Dickerson, Colin Eastwood, Robert Harris, Chris Kirk, Alison Knight, Matthew Martel, Marielouise Oliver, Norah and Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Anthony Staples aged 7, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Judith Watson, Renee Wellings, Felicity Woodfield, Jamie.

Those who have died

Sarah Young, Anthony Baker

Years Mind

Caroline Green

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICE SHEET **25th April** **Easter 4**



St Michael, Lichfield

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

St John, Wall

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's.