

United Benefice of St Michael and St Mary  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

**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.



**Hymn: *Loving Shepherd of thy sheep***

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,  
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;  
nothing can thy power withstand,  
none can pluck me from thy hand.

Loving Saviour, thou didst give  
thine own life that we might live,  
and the hands outstretched to bless  
bear the cruel nails' impress.

I would praise thee every day,  
gladly all thy will obey,  
like thy blessèd ones above  
happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,  
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear,  
suffer not my steps to stray  
from the straight and narrow way.

Where Thou leadest I would go,  
walking in Thy steps below,

till before my Father's throne  
I shall know as I am known.

Words: Jane Elizabeth Leeson (1809-1881)

Music: 'Buckland' Leighton George Hayne (1836-1883)

**Reading: Acts 4.5-12 Peter tells the chief priests they crucified the cornerstone of faith**

The next day their 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.”

**Anthem: Requiem: The Lord is my shepherd - John Rutter (Contemporary)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8f\\_oNgsWzfA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8f_oNgsWzfA)

(The Cambridge Singers/Aurora Orchestra conducted by John Rutter)

Words: Psalm 23

**Gospel: John 10 11-18 Christ the good shepherd**

'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.'

**Sermon by Revd Anna Moore**



## Prayers by David Sayce



### Blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. Amen

Our worship has now ended, and our service now begins...

Go in the light and peace of Christ

**Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary:** *Fugue ('Vater unser')* from Sonata 6 - Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-47)



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