

We welcome you this morning!
If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

Officiant Rev Chris McCann **May 8, 2021**

Opening Hymn *Alleluia, O sons & daughters* # 206
Collect for Purity BCP p. 355
Gloria S280
Collect Inserted

(Please be seated for the readings)

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles [9:36–43]*
Psalm 23
Second Reading *Revelation to John [7:9–17]*

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia*

The Holy Gospel *John [10]*

Sermon Rev Chris McCann

Intercessions BCP. p. 305

Parish prayer requests.....

- Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur and William assisting bishops;
- For the Diocese, as we engage in the search for our next Bishop
- For the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good

- For the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we gather together to wait upon the Lord's and his appearing
- For the people of Ukraine, Syria, Yemen
- For all who have asked our prayers: Joan, Suzanne, Ginny, Greg, Stellie, Jeannette, Doug, Carolyn, Jaime, Katie, Rae, Nancy, Karmen, Grace, Kenny, Cathy, Jim, Lindsay, Wendy, Bob, Roger ...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud
- For the Faithful Departed: Jack Smith

The Peace

Offertory Hymn *And so through all the length of days* # 646

Prayer Over The Gifts

Celebrant: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever.
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine

*People: All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p 361

Sanctus S130

Lord's Prayer S149

Fraction Sentence

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Communion - *Instrumental music*

(Please kneel)

Prayer after Communion

BCP p. 366

(Please stand)

Closing Hymn *Alleluia, alleluia*

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Chalice Bearer: Fawn O'Hara

Lectors: Greg Videtic & Deb Blackley

Organist: Jean Spangler

Today's Readings **Fourth Sunday of
Easter**

Collect

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.*

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles [9:36–43]

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He

turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. *The Word of the Lord.*

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
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading

Revelation to John [7:9–17]

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living

creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel
John [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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go 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. ‘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. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.’ *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Join us for knitting Wednesdays at 3:30p in the conference room. All are welcome. Crocheting too. We can teach you if you want to learn.

NEMAC member Church of the Epiphany is hosting a gun buyback from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday June 11 at their location: 21000 Lake Shore Boulevard, Euclid Ohio, a Guns to Garden vigil and blacksmithing demonstration at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon, where guns will be made into plowshares. Volunteers and donations are welcome. Donations provide gift cards to exchange for the weapons. Checks should be made out to “Church of the Epiphany” with “Guns to Gardens” on the memo line.

Metro Food Bank Project
The next Metro Food Bank event will be on May 21, 2022. Volunteer sign-up online www.stlukechardon.org, in food pantry info.