

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

“The world is charged with the grandeur of God ...”

- Gerard Manley Hopkins, Jesuit priest

Today’s hymns may be found in The New Century Hymnal (larger black book).

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Sheep May Safely Graze” -Johann Sebastian Bach

*Call to Worship

One: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;

Many: I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul!

One: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,

Many: I will sing praises to you among the nations!

One: For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,

Many: and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds!

One: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

Many: and let your glory be over all the earth!

*Hymn “Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air” No. 566

*Prayer of Approach

*Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also with you!

Let the Children Come

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you,

Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Moment of Mission

Psalm 98

Anthem “Psalm 98: Trumpet Voluntary” -Jeremiah Clarke
-arr. Thomas Hoekstra

Litany on Psalm 23 (Insert)

Gospel Lesson John 10:1-10

Sermon **Listen Carefully**

Call to Prayer (unison)

Father almighty, bless us with your blessing;

answer in love your children’s supplication;

Hear now our prayer, the spoken and unspoken, hear us, Eternal God.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” No. 252

*Blessing

*Choral Response No. 81

God be with you till we meet again, By good counsel guide, uphold you,

with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet:

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you til we meet again.

*Postlude “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Dark Bands” -Johann Sebastian Bach

Orgelbüchlein, BWV 625