

First Reading

Read by Cherylann Burnett

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

794 The King of love, my shepherd is

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own,
and my own know me.

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John

Glory to You O Lord

10 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheep-fold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

The Prayers

The prayers are led by Ray Boggis

Those for who prayers have been asked:

For those on active service in places of danger

Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

Visitors to the Top Up Shop and Family First

3. Jats Gosal, Harold Appleton, Margriet Ward.
2. Linda Best, Eileen, Becki and Denis Cook, Tanya, Sue Doe, Mary Mitson-Woods, Louise.
1. Debbie Shaves, Jayne Versey, Gwen Wall, John Pickering. Revd Mary.

Those who have died recently

June Chance
Marion Lilley
Beryl Richer

We remember the anniversary of death of

Gordon Blackburn April 29 2018

Offertory Hymn:

208 Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky

Communion hymns

596 Because the Lord is my shepherd

802 There is a higher throne

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.

Recessional Hymn:

217 The strife is o'er

Please remember to pray for the following friends of our Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time.

Vera Emeny, Rita Appleton, Malcolm Starsmoore,
Sheila Page, Jeanette Budinger,