

Alleluia! *Christ is risen!*

Good Shepherd Sunday
May 3, 2020 (Easter 4)

interactive worship online
Spiritual Communion

St. Thomas & St. Barnabas

(Diocese of Missouri & Diocese of Washington)
2 Deaf Episcopal Churches together in coronatide

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Linford Dilks, our crucifer,
St. Thomas

Easter Acclamation

(We use it the whole 50 days of Easter Season!)

Priest Alleluia! Christ risen – PAH!

People **The Lord risen – PAH! Alleluia!**

~spotlight Rev. Emily



Hymn of Praise:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Give thanks to

the risen Lord. Hymn #178

~signed by Sharon Dilks

Collect (prayer) for this week

Priest The Lord be with you.

People Also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Hey GOD,

YOUR Son Jesus is like ^{shepherd}sheep-caring-person — good!!!

Like HIS sheep, we —each, each, each— our names He knows.

When He calls,

help us notice & know & follow Him leading.

HIMself living, enthroned, caring w. YOU & the Holy Spirit,
the three-of-you one God, now & for >ever<.

Amen.

See Collect, Fourth Sunday of Easter, Book of Common Prayer, p.225.

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~rev emily

Reading: Acts 2:42-47

THEME: Snapshot of Ideal Christian Community

- **Truth & Love Teacher Jesus, risen, is truly Messiah & Savior.**
That life-changing belief is starting to spread.
- **Believers care for each other.**
Knowing they are loved,
they're eager to learn, worship and
share with each other everything!
- **They are generous! They are joyful!**
- **Other people are attracted to join the Jesus Christ group, too.**

~ full text signed by Lee Holland

Psalm 23 ~ The Lord is my shepherd.

Theme:

- **Challenging tough situations –
Doesn't matter.**

**The Lord stays with us
and blesses us with life's necessities
AND much more!**

~text signed by Melissa Render, Scott Mady, Ron Selinger

Gospel: John 10:1-10



shepherd in Afghanistan with fat-tailed sheep,
Wikimedia Commons

Themes:

- Jesus is the true SHEPHERD.
- The sheep know him and won't be confused.
- Jesus is the GATE for free access & abundant life.

~signed by Rob Hartzog

Reflection:

How many stars will you give God?

How do you know?

In the midst of danger, God walks with us and calls us to trust.

Ever met someone you knew right away you could trust them?

How do you know? Trust that you will know!

Feel your way to faith.
The sheep know him.
They don't pay attention to strangers

I hope your faith emboldens you to abundant life (trust, confidence, generous caring, thanksgiving)

Anxiety?

skittishness

5-star faith!

Count the blessings!

~rev. emily

Prayers of the People

☪ We pray for people sad, sick, scared, broke or any kind of trouble. *(pause & remember who)*

☪ For our local communities, nation and world; for our leaders, all people working harder now, and people who can't work. *(pause & remember)*

☪ For God's Church all over the world and all our blessings, we thank YOU, Lord. *(pause & remember)*

☪ For people recently died & all people grieving. *(pause & remember who)*

The intercessor signs prayer requests from Chat, then leads the closing:

***Together: Prayers we typed, prayers we thought,
prayers touch-heart, all lifted ↗(to YOU,) Lord.***

~intercessor



The Lord's Prayer

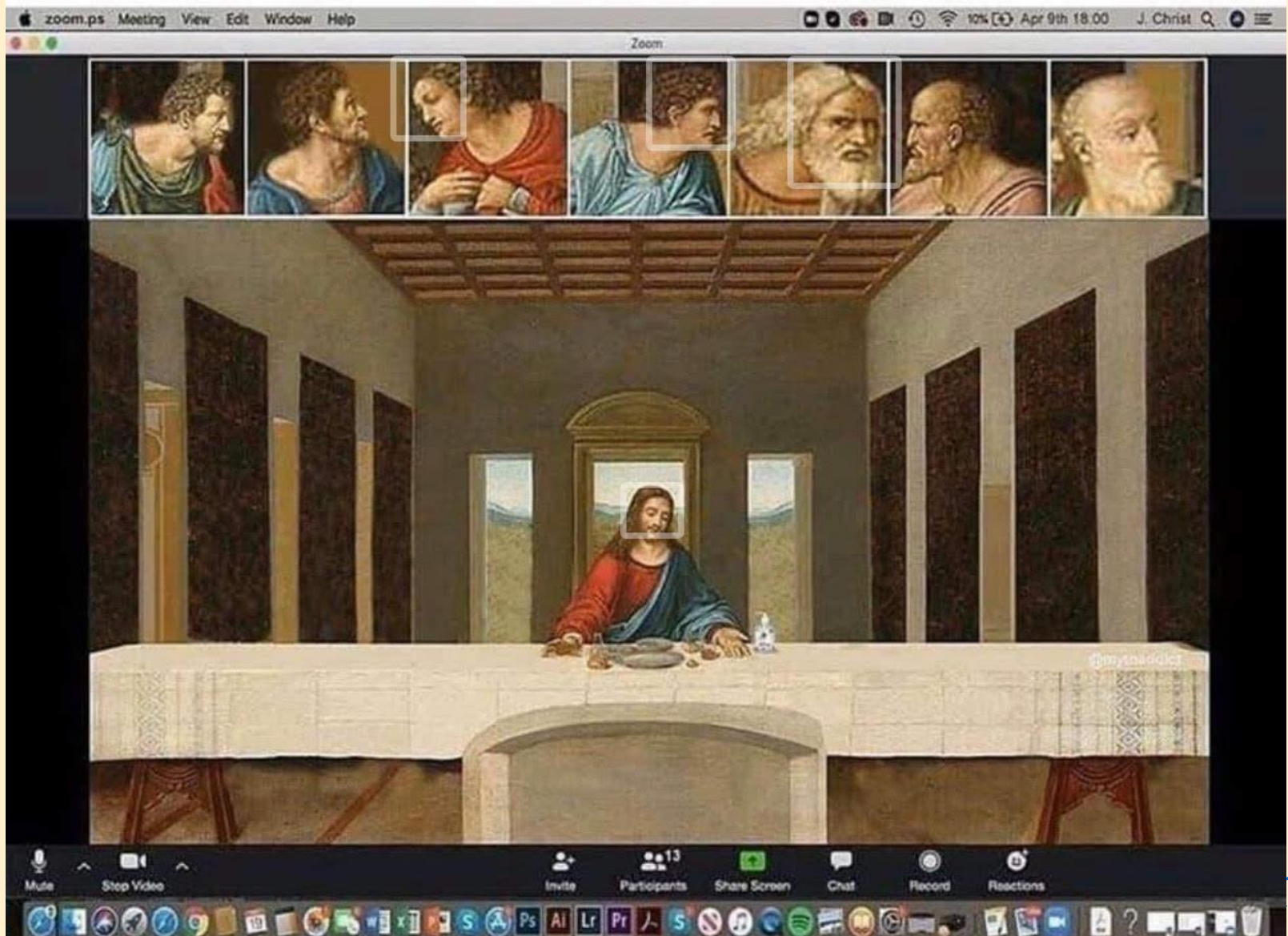
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.



Icon in St. Thomas' worship space.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

for those who cannot gather with a priest for Eucharist



Prayer of Spiritual Communion



Priest The Lord be with you.

People **Also with you.**

Priest Your hearts – lift them up.

People **Lift ↗^(them to) the Lord.**

Priest Let us thank the Lord our God.

People **Truly right: thank & praise ↗^{HIM}.**

Lord, NOW somewhere faithful people belonging YOUR Church celebrate Holy Eucharist. With them, we unified desire praise & thank ↗^{YOU}. Our souls & bodies, whole selves, we offer ↗^{YOU}, truly wanting always united ↗^{YOU}.

Now we YOUR Sacrament receive can't.

Instead YOUR Spirit we beg & invite into ^{our} hearts, uniting with ↗^{YOU}, fully loving YOU. Separate ↘↗ us: nothing.

Let us live in YOU, and YOU live in us,

both now this life and next life future. *Amen.*

~rev emily

Hymn:

*The King of Love
my Shepherd is*

This Hymn #645
follows Psalm 23 &
Parable of Lost
Sheep in 2 gospels
Matthew & Luke.



Tapestry behind altar in St. Thomas Chapel of the Apostles

~signed by Emily Friedberg



Blessing ~ Peace ~ Dismissal



*Our understanding is limited.
God's Peace is beyond!
Let HIS peace keep your hearts & minds
knowing & loving God and HIS Son Jesus
Christ our Lord, and
God Almighty: Father, Son & Holy Spirit,
bless and remain with you forever. **Amen.***

Deacon Alleluia! Go in peace
to love & serve the Lord.

People **Thanks, God! Alleluia!**

*The people pass the Lord's peace
and may stay for BYO coffee & chat*