

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 25, 2021



WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

When morning gilds the skies

Hymnal 427

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Jesus Christ, Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock, you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life, that, guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors; in your holy Name we pray.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

Lector A reading from Acts.

The 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 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 days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

Lector A reading from First John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Officiant Through the Paschal mystery we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. Let us now renew our baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

All are invited to touch or sprinkle water in remembrance and renewal of baptism.

Then the Officiant continues

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for Grace, Paul, and Natasha's recoveries from illness. We rejoice with Kate Keenan and Josh Pierce who will be married this afternoon. And we celebrate those who have birthdays this week, including *Rachel Berlage, Marie Abdalla, Jon Miller, Liza Parkinson*, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for: *Pat Ald, Ed Beverly, Bob Brown, Claire Brown, Tim Cook, Daniel, David Dieter, Digory, Trevor Esse, Sean Farley, Debbie Faust, Vincent Faust, Ed Gaspar, Michael Jenkins, Judith, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, Matthew Klein, Martin, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Parker Roberts, Kathleen S., Marilyn Shably, Owen Sprague, Gregg Stewart, Len St. Jean, Glen Swanson, John T., Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White*, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant Through the resurrection of your Son, O God, you destroy the power of death, carry your people's burdens, and remove their shame. By the power of the Spirit, raise us from sin and seat us at the paschal feast, that we may rejoice in the gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us.

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

VESTRY GREETING

OFFERTORY

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Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He Shall Feed His Flock

G. F. Handel

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd;
and he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are young.

Isaiah 40:11

Come unto him, all ye that labor.
Come unto him that are heavy laden, and he will give you rest.
Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him,
for he is meek and lowly of heart,
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29

PRESENTATION HYMN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below, alleluia; alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia; alleluia!**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice to the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
All **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The priest does not receive, but begins the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Common Worship

Celebrant Risen Lord, you are known in the breaking of the bread.
All **Although we cannot gather in person as a congregation
and consume these gifts of bread and wine together,
we thank you that we do receive the sacrament of your presence,
the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of your glorious resurrection.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
may we embody your desire and be renewed for your service. Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Lord Jesus, true vine and bread of life, abide in us, that we may abide in you. May we see you, recognize you, and tell your story, that all may live.
Amen.

BLESSING

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC

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