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The Fourth Sunday of Easter



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THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

HYMN: "We Know that Christ Is Raised" vs 1,2,3,4 LBW

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We Know That Christ Is Raised

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the Church of God.
 As Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

And our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 As liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and

Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

whole will sing: Hal - le - lu - jah!

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

THE KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"

Refrain



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on
 earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

VOCAL SOLO: *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Randall Fields

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day 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, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

THE PSALM *Psalm 23*

¹**The LORD is my shepherd;**

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³**You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways
for your 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 prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

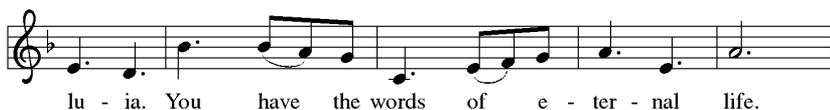
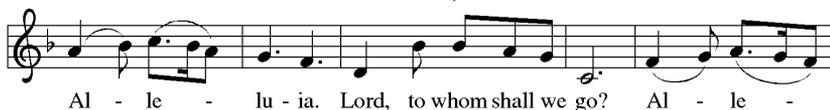
¹⁹ For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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. 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.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” vs 1,2,3,4,5,6

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am his And he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 Thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 Within thy house forever.

THE SERMON

HYMN: "He Leadeth Me" vs 1,2,3,4 LBW

He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!

1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
 4 And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace the vic - t'ry's won,

What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 By wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, By his own hand he lead - eth me.

His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, For by his hand he lead - eth me.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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 into hell.
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.

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. Amen

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" vs 1,2 WOV

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward;
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

he is the king of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
 life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Like sheep penned up in our homes, but united as our Lord's one flock of disciples, we pray for the Church, the earth, and all in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your everlasting arms we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your care for us, through Jesus Christ, our good Shepherd. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

SONG: "On the Eighth Day" *from the musical "Light of Life: Signs of the Savior"*

On the eighth day, Lord God be praised!

On the eighth day, Jesus was raised!

New life from death, Jesus set free!

New life to live, for you and me.

1. On the seventh day the Lord's body laid lifeless, cold in the tomb.

On the seventh day, the disciples were hopeless, consumed by gloom.

Despair gripped them, no signs, no future to lift them,

Darkness descended.

His death ripped them, no life, no pathway, just drifting.

Our dreams had ended. *Refrain.*

2. On the eighth day, Lord's body alive, brought joy that won't die.

On that eighth day, Lord's breath brought hope, life that will abide.

Spirit filled them, new hearts, new mission to follow,

Before them new light.

Spirit gripped them with joy, new future before them.

God's plans shine bright. *Refrain.*

3. This is for you. God's word beat death. For you He arose.

This is for me, inspired by Spirit. Through Him our faith grows.

This is for you. God's word is spreading all places.

Our Lord's love we see.

This if for me, God's love shines on many faces. Alive and free! *Refrain.*

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE