

**May 8, 2022**

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*



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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

## LBW Setting 2

### THE PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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 thoughts 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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" vs 1,2,4,7,8

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; He lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; He lives to rule his Church in love.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives to bring me safely there.

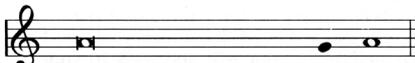
8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 What joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

**\*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**



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



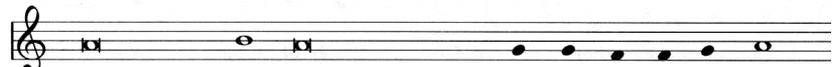
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



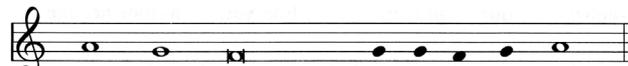
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**G** A - men

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Ⓑ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



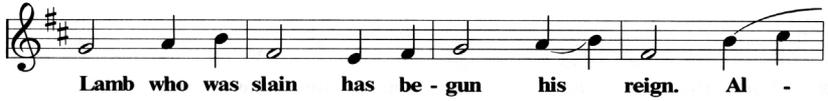
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \*THE SALUTATION



☐ The Lord be with you.



☑ And al - so with you.

### \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

THE PSALM: *Psalms 23*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;

**I shall not be in want.**

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures

**and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> He revives my soul

**and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup> 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.**

<sup>5</sup> 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.**

<sup>6</sup> Surely your 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

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

\*THE GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

\*HYMN: "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

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Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For he stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

\*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 PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

**THE OFFERING**

**\*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and  
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble  
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you,  
O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness  
you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer  
ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care  
and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him  
who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

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 him thanks and praise.

**\*THE SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

**♩** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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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.

HYMN: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scap - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; Faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful Flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Mar - y, Earth your

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you

Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our  
sin - ners, Earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the  
en - tered, Robed in flesh, our great high priest, Here on  
out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er-more?"  
songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
earth both priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**☩** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what  
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -  
es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*THE BENEDICTION and THE DISMISSAL**

**THE POSTLUDE**