



Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

Online Worship

Opening Hymn

Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness

Hymnal #492

*Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness, wake your noblest, sweetest strain,
With praises of your Savior let his house resound again;
Him let all your music honor, and your wings exalt his reign.*

Opening Acclamation: Alleluia. Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

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**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.
O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. . **Amen.**

The First Lesson: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [2:42-47]

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 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, 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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23: *Dominus regit me*

You may read the psalm together, or you may take turns alternating between the plain and bold text.

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 forever.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John [10:1-10]

Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said, "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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 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, Lord Christ.**

Prayers of the People

Members of each household may take turns reading these prayers.

In thanksgiving and praise for the beauty and abundance of our universe, let us pray to our gracious God, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice is heard in the wind . . .

With thanksgiving for the gift of new life, and in hope that our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of the Good News, and in hope that the church may find new life in the joyful mystery of the resurrection, especially through the leadership of our Presiding Bishop Michael and our Bishop Douglas, our Interim Priest Judith, and all bishops, priests and deacons.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of this community and in hope that God may strengthen our bonds even while we must be apart, and guide us in preparing to call a new Rector

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the abundance we enjoy with our families and friends, and in hope that he may provide for those who are isolated and have lost their jobs and income.

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for our freedom and in hope that by his power, we may know how to respond to disease and famine through all the world,

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for our health and in hope that he may reveal the light of his presence to comfort and strengthen those who are weak in body and soul, especially to the victims of COVID-19 and their families and caregivers, and to those we name silently or aloud *Pause*

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life, and in hope that he may enfold in his joyful presence those who have died, especially those who have died alone and those we name silently or aloud,

Pause Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

In thanksgiving for the gift of faith, and in hope that God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

Let us pray to our Creator **in Christ our Risen Savior**

Collect:

O God, worker of wonders, you made this day for joy and gladness. Let the risen Lord abide with us always, set our hearts on fire, and open our eyes, so that we may see him at our tables, the Christ now entered into glory, firstborn from the dead. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn: *My Shepherd will supply my need.*

Hymnal #664

*My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

Holy Communion

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and to give himself for us. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. As you do this, remember me. As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, he gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me.

Gathered in our own homes, as your children, we are made one body in Jesus Christ, Who came in love, lived in love, and died in love, who was and is and is to come. We share in offering our gifts of bread and wine, and we offer to you our lives—all that we are, have been, and will become. Pour out your Spirit upon this offering, that it may draw us together in one Spirit. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **The Lord's Prayer**

As the Priest breaks the consecrated bread, participants break their bread at home and say:

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for in Christ we all share in the one bread, one cup

All share the bread and wine.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ, you are risen with the sun; you are light in our darkness. May we find our true place in your living body. May the new covenant through us bring healing and reconciliation to this wounded world. Alleluia! You are risen. We are risen with you. Praise and glory to the living God. Amen.

Blessing:

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence on Earth and the living Christ within you. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Savior like a shepherd lead us

Hymnal #708

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy fields prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou has bought us, thine we are.*

Dismissal Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!