

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

E. Englert

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The People's responses are printed in **bold type**.*

OPENING HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

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Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. A staffed nursery is available if desired, for infants through preschool age children. Additionally, activity bags for creative young minds are available for worship services in the narthex. Children make a *joyful* noise!

HYMN OF PRAISE:

#S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

FIRST LESSON:

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.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:

¹The Lord is my shepherd; ***I shall not be in want.**

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

³He revives my soul ***and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.**

⁴Though 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.

⁵You 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.**

⁶Surely 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 LESSON:

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 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

[Acts 4:5-12]

Lector:
Chris Hubbs

[Psalm 23]

[1 John 3:16-24]

Lector:
Jacklyn Kurtz



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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

#645



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



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.

[John 10:11-18]

THE GOSPEL:

Deacon: 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."

Deacon: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON [Based on our Gospel from two weeks ago, where the disciple Thomas is not with the others when they first see Jesus after the resurrection. The next time Jesus appears to the disciples, Thomas is there, sees Jesus' wounds, and confesses his faith in the risen Christ.]

The Rev. Michael Lapsley

Fr. Lapsley is an Anglican priest, who began his work in healing trauma through storytelling after the anti-apartheid activist survived a letter bomb sent to him in 1990 by the pro-apartheid South African regime.

THE NICENE CREED:

Lector: Let us confess our faith with the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Lector:
Anne Salamon

We believe...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector: Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

All: **In the beginning, God was.**
Here and now, God is.
In the future, God will be.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Source of life, heal and redeem the

wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**



Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help especially Jean, Joe, Roland, Sandy, Lynne, Charlene, Karlett, Valerie, Lucas, Darrell, Doug, Kris, Susie, Marissa, Renee, Sue, Carolyn, Carol, Tobin-Grace, Adley Jo, and Mark. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died especially... God, Giver

of life, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people, the missions, and the ministries of our companion Dioceses of Swaziland in Eswatini, Brechin in Scotland, and of Nzara in South Sudan. God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

We celebrate those in our congregation with birthdays this week: Mary and Brad. We also celebrate those with anniversaries: Bill & Pat, and Brad & Jaclyn

Let us pray for our own needs or the needs of others either silently or aloud.

Celebrant: Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us to speak when many keep silent, help us to stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We Confess...



The Peace, the last part of the Service of the Word, is meant to offer each other a brief word of "peace" as we come together as a community for the Eucharist.

Online giving:



CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that 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

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

OFFERTORY:

For the Bread which You Have Broken

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1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.

THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord;
 People: **And of your own have we given you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE



Holy Communion is God's feast for *all* of God's people. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, to *this* feast, you are most warmly welcome. We receive communion in one kind (the wafer), or both kinds (wafer and wine) by intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice bowl), or by drinking from the chalice.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and every where to give
thanks to you, Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we 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:

Holy, holy, holy...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 for 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:

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

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

You may kneel or stand.



Our Father...

Chalice Bearers:

Daniel Lieurance
Anne Salamon
Judy Schillinger
Kate Hogg

During the distribution of Communion, anyone may go to the side chapel near the columbarium to receive a prayer for healing and anointing with oil.

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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, our Creator, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

M. Goldston



Celtic Worship
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