

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Brother James's Air*

H. Darke

*Symbols in the Bulletin:* P Priest, D Deacon, C Congregation, L Leader

THE GATHERING HYMN

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

H. 377 1-3

***All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.***

***Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make:  
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.***

***O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his Name always, for it is seemly so to do.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## THE GATHERING PRAYER

- P** We gather in the name of our Easter God:  
**C** **Our Risen Lord transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope.**
- P** We rejoice in the power of our Easter God:  
**C** **Our Father's love redeems every Good Friday nightmare into the promise of eternal life.**
- P** We embrace the purposes of our Easter God:  
**C** **The Holy Spirit challenges us to leave tomb-like safety and invites us to live our faith boldly.**
- P** We are Easter people:  
**C** **We are a sign that indeed miracles happen, and that with God, all things are possible.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

The Church's One Foundation

H. 525 vs 1, 2

***The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.***

***Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.***

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Let us pray...

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** Deuteronomy 15:4-11 • Psalm 23 • Acts 2:42-47 • John 10:1-10

### The First Reading:

☐ *The First Reading is taken from Deuteronomy, chapter 15.*

Of course there won't be any poor persons among you because the Lord will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, but only if you carefully obey the Lord your God's voice, by carefully doing every bit of this commandment that I'm giving you right now. Once the Lord your God has blessed you, exactly as he said he would, you will end up lending to many different peoples but won't need to borrow a thing. You will dominate many different peoples, but they won't dominate you.

Now if there are some poor persons among you, say one of your fellow Israelites in one of your cities in the land that the Lord your God is giving you, don't be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward your poor fellow Israelites. To the contrary! Open your hand wide to them. You must generously lend them whatever they need. But watch yourself! Make sure no wicked thought crosses your mind, such as, The seventh year is coming—the year of debt cancellation—so that you resent your poor fellow Israelites and don't give them anything. If you do that, they will cry out to the Lord against you, and you will be guilty of sin. No, give generously to needy persons. Don't resent giving to them because it is this very thing that will lead to the Lord your God's blessing you in all you do and work at. Poor persons will never disappear from the earth. That's why I'm giving you this command: you must open your hand generously to your fellow Israelites, to the needy among you, and to the poor who live with you in your land.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

H. 645 vv 1,2,4,6

***The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.***

***Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.***

***In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.***

***And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.***

## Second Reading:

**L** *The Second Reading is taken from Acts, chapter 2...*

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### *Celtic Alleluia*



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## The Gospel

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

🎧 **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

📖 I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice."

Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying. So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest."

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎧 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Becky Robbins-Penniman

SERMON HYMN

*For the Healing of the Nations*

***For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.***

***Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.***

***All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.***

***You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.***

## 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- ☩** Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered all people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.
- ℣** Risen Lord, we pray for your Church, that it may continue your work of reconciling all people to God; for our clergy and our bishops; for the many lay people who serve the church and serve others through the church.
- ☩ We pray for all gathered in worship and prayer, here and around the world.**
- ℣** Risen Lord, we pray that the joy of Easter may ever grow within us and the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may cease.
- ☩ We pray that a passion for justice, peace, and the common good will fill each of our hearts, and for the Spirit to guide us in lives of active faith.**
- ℣** Risen Lord, we pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle, [especially for... *add names from notebook*]. Please name those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] Comfort, restore and heal them.
- ☩ We pray that the troubles facing us will teach us that we endure nothing alone, but that you are always present, creating, redeeming and sustaining us every step of our journey through life.**

℣ Risen Lord, we give thanks for the multitude of gifts you shower upon us, for the beauty of this home you have created for us, for medical workers, first responders and all who work on the frontlines to care for and heal the sick, and for all the blessings of this life. Grant us a sense of joy and wonder in all your works.

☩ **We give thanks for our lives and the lives of our families, friendships, and neighbors near and far, and praise you for your mercy and care for us.**

℣ Risen Lord, we pray for those who have died, [especially for... *add names from notebook.*] Please name those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] May the hope born of Easter give both them and us peace, acceptance and renewal.

☩ **Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☩ **And also with you.** (*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

℣ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with a heart full of gladness.

### OFFERTORY

*The Lord is my Shepherd*

R. Vaughan Williams

### PRESENTATION

℣ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

### PRESENTATION HYMN

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

***We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.***

***May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.***

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER [Enriching Our Worship 1]

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with Angels and Archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

***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. Hosanna in the highest.***

**P** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

**P** Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

**P** On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



**P** As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

**P** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**A1** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit + and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

**P** 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.

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### THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

**A1** **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.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**P** Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Bread.

**G** **We come with joy to meet our Lord.**

**P** 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.

## THE CHANT

*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

***Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.***

***Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.***

***Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.***

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray...

**G** God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

**P** The God who is creating a new heaven and a new earth, who walks where least expected, who disturbs the comfortable and comforts the distressed, and whom death could not control, now sends you out to announce with your lives that the Lord is risen indeed. Go, you are blessed in the name of our Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

H 708 vs 1,2

***Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.***

***Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.***

## THE DISMISSAL

**P** Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve our Risen Lord!

**G** Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

**SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Carey Cherivtch
Lector	Leslie Kulikauskas
Prayers of the People	Nancy Fisher