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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025 † 10:30AM

PRELUDE

Berceuse, Germaine Tailleferre

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN



Sing ye faithful, Hymnal 1982, 492

OPENING ACCLAMATION



Officiant Alleluia, Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Officiant 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

God's Paschal Lamb

WLP 880

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast; forsaking
sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
death has no more dominion over him; Through
him we die to sin and live to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in
Christ's new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant 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 LESSONS



THE FIRST LESSON



Acts 9:36-43

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 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." 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. 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. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE



Psalm 23

Antiphon, all sing

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.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

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 for ever.

Antiphon

THE NEW TESTAMENT



Revelation 7:9-17

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

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, singing,

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

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 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.

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.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

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.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN



Awake and sing, Hymnal 1982, 181

Awake and sing the song of Moses and the Lamb; wake every heart
and every tongue to praise the Savior's name.

Sing of his dying love, his resurrection power; sing how he intercedes
above for those whose sins he bore.

You pilgrims on the road to Zion's city, sing, rejoicing in the Lamb of
God, to Christ the eternal King.

Soon shall each raptured tongue his endless praise proclaim, and sing
in sweeter notes the song of Moses and the Lamb.

THE HOLY GOSPEL



John 10:22-30

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 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." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON



The Rev. Aidan Rontani

THE NICENE CREED



All 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



All remain standing.

Intercessor In this Eastertide, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord and live into the possibilities of eternal life, let us joyfully pray to God, saying,
People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For your Holy Church around the world, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all the holy people of God, that like Mary Magdalene and the other women, we may share the good news of the empty tomb and embody the hope of the Resurrection to the world. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For our nation, for our leaders and all those in authority, and for all who enjoy the blessings of this land, that we may not forget our call to be people of justice, peace, and self-giving love. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For our world, for the leaders and peoples of the nations, that they may know blessing and hope through the Prince of Peace. We remember especially the people of Ukraine, Syria, Congo, Sudan, and South Sudan, that their peace may be restored and their divisions healed. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For the people of the Holy Land, Israeli and Palestinian, that they may find peace and lasting reconciliation, and see an end to Antisemitism and Islamophobia around the world. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For this community and for all communities, we beseech the mercy of God to protect us from danger and to heal and restore the bounteous natural world around us. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For the poor and homeless, for the unemployed and destitute, for migrants and refugees, and for all those in need, that they may find blessing and hope, and that we all may be moved to care for the less fortunate. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For all those suffering from discrimination and oppression, for reasons of their race, gender, sexuality, disability, or citizenship status. May God grant us all a heart for understanding, mercy, and love. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For the sick and the suffering, especially those with chronic and terminal illnesses, that they may be brought new life and health through the power of Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For all those who have died, that their tombs one day stand as empty as our Lord's, and for those who mourn, that they may know the joy of a stone rolled away and an everlasting life opened to all. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For our parish, that we may continue to find new life and renewal, and become a beacon of Resurrection life and hope in our community. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Silence

Presider O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE



Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP p. 830

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY SELECTION



City called Heaven...

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Remain standing, as able

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in the light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Presider and People

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**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.

The people stand or kneel

The Presider continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself

up to death; and rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when you 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor

with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Presider says the following Invitation

Presider 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 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of your denomination or church affiliation, are invited to come forward to receive communion. As you come forward, place your hands out in front of you to receive the Body of Christ in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available, just whisper to our Presider that this is your wish. Those with mobility issues may also receive communion in your pew rather than needing to come forward. Please indicate to the ushers that this is your wish, and our Presider will bring communion to you.

If you would like to receive the Blood of Christ by intinction (having the bread dipped into the wine, without sipping directly from the cup), point to the chalice. The Presider will dip the wafer into the wine then hold it out to you to take a dry corner in your fingers. Please then step aside to consume the sacrament. If you would just like to receive the bread, cross your palms in front of you to receive the Body of Christ. If you would like to receive from the chalice, you may receive the bread in your palm and consume it, then step toward the chalice to receive the Blood of Christ.

If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the Presider will offer a blessing in the name of our Lord. If you are not baptized, but feel drawn to the sacraments and wish to receive, that is a holy longing! Please reach out to Fr. Aidan or our church office to discern whether you wish to be baptized and explore new life in Christ. For any who choose not to receive communion for reasons of comfort or conscience, please know that we are enriched by your prayers and presence with us, and we are delighted you are here today.

COMMUNION HYMN



Let thy Blood in mercy poured, Hymnal 1982, 313

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FINAL BLESSING



Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN



Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Hymnal 1982, 708

THE DISMISSAL



Presider Alleluia. Alleluia.
Let go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE



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Join Our Journaling Gathering

Some of us have embarked on a journey of self-discovery through journaling.

We tackle three randomly selected journal prompts each week. I will share these in enews and the bulletin. You can choose to address them in any order. Some may speak to you more than others. That's okay. Just start writing (and digging) wherever it feels right.

We are in Week 12, but that's okay. There really isn't an official beginning or end. The journal prompts are completely random. This commitment should be enjoyable and stress-free. Participate to the degree your life and your comfort allows. If you miss an entry or a week - no worries. Pick it up again when you can.

*If you feel compelled to share your self-discovery insights with others on this same journey, we will be meeting on **Wednesday, May 14 at 12:30pm** in the choir room to discuss our journeys. Please bring your brown bag lunch. This is a casual gathering to share insights, challenges, and growth (as much as you are willing to share). I hope you will consider joining us.*

Week 12 Journal Prompts

- 1. If I could know the absolute truth to one question, what question would I ask?*
- 2. What are my biggest distractions and biggest motivators?*
- 3. Write about a time when I felt like I didn't belong. How did I cope with those feelings? What did that experience teach me about myself?*

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Dan & Melanie Dodson,
in celebration of Mother's Day, and in memory of Diantha Reynolds.*



Happy Mother's Day



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