

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Hymn #205 *verses 1 through 3*

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 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.*

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.

*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.*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly



King, al-migh - ty God and Fa-ther, We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

organ:



praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us;



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our pray'r re -

organ:



ceive, re - ceive our pray'r. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-



alone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly



Spir - it in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men. A - men.

The Collect

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 Lessons

A Reading from Acts 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

- 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.

A Reading from 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel John 10:1-10

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 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

*In the course of the silence after each bidding,
the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop Megan ; for this gathering;
and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry,
the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God,
or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation
in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of Your people; in the multitude of Your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to You for help; for You are gracious, O lover of souls, and to You we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

And now, 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.

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 peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the +blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn #391 *verses 1 through 3*

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan-dering
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

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May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin
into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer,
bring us to our eternal inheritance.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!