# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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# THE WORD OF GOD



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#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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*.

# PASCHA NOSTRUM



1 Alleluia, 'alle' luia. \*

Alle' luia, alle luia.

2 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \* therefore let us keep the feast,

- Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*
  but with the unleavened bread of sin cerity and truth.
- 4 Alleluia, alle luia. \*

Alle' luia, 'alle' luia.

- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will never die a gain; \* death no longer has do minion over him.
- The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \* but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 8 Alleluia, 'alle' luia. \*

Alle' luia, 'alle' luia.

9 Christ has been raised from the dead, \*
the first fruits of those who have fallen a sleep.

10 For since by a man came death, \*

by a man has come also the resur' rection of the dead.

11 For as in Adam all die, \*

so also in Christ shall all be made a live.

12 Alleluia, 'alle' luia. \*

Alle' luia, 'alle' luia.

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#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

# THE LESSONS

The people sit.

First Reading Acts 4:5-12

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 23 Dominus regit me

#### Remain seated

The LORD is my shepherd; \*
I shall not be in want.

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

<sup>3</sup> He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

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.



SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:16-24

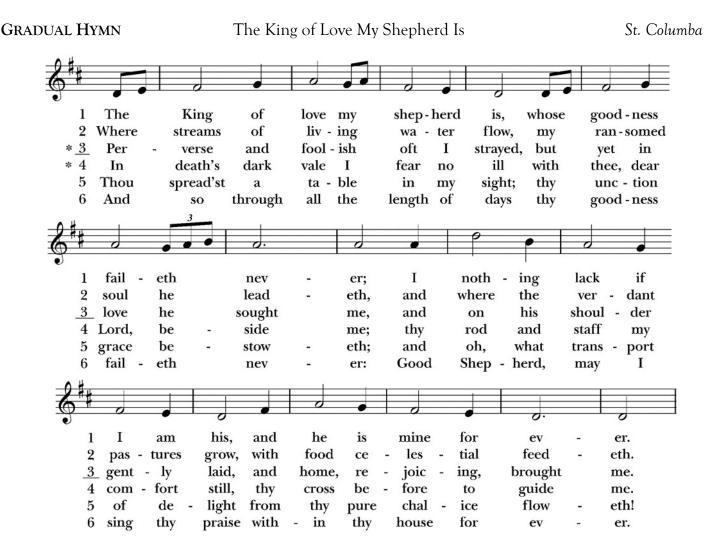
Reader A Reading from the first letter of John.

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 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



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#### THE GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

John 10:11-18

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Mindy Valentine Davis

#### THE NICENE CREED

Said in unison.

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.

Lead your church into the way of love. Teach us to hear and follow your voice and your vision for the world.

Tender Shepherd,

call us each by name and lead us home.

Guide those around the world who make decisions that impact the lives of individuals and nations. Tender Shepherd,

precede us all in the ways of justice and peace.

Lighten the burden of those suffering loss, illness, and anxiety, those whom we know and love and those who are unknown to us.

Tender Shepherd,

comfort them and shower them with your healing grace.

We pray for those who have died. Carry those who have finished their earthly journey into the next life and gently place them in God's eternal embrace.

Tender Shepherd,

call us each by name and lead us home.

#### Silence

# The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

# The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

# All kneel or deep bow. Silence may be kept.

# Minister and People

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.



# The Priest stands and says

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

#### All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

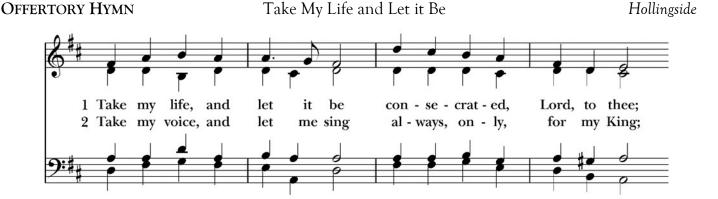
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People 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. 1 Chronicles 29:11



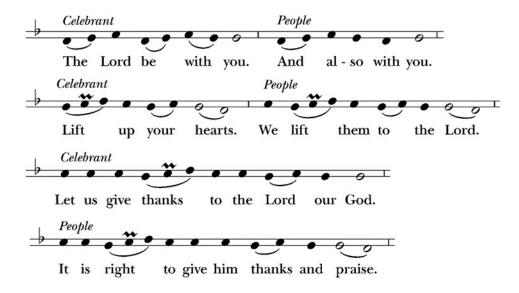


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# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Eucharistic Prayer D** 

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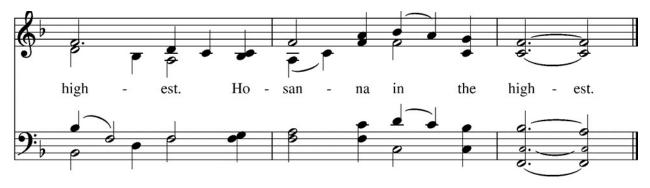


# Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in 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,

# **SANCTUS**





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# The People stand or kneel.

#### The Celebrant 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.

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 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."

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.

#### Celebrant and People

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

#### The Celebrant 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.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

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

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

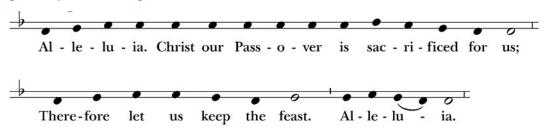
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *People and Celebrant* 

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,
forever and ever. Amen.



#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept



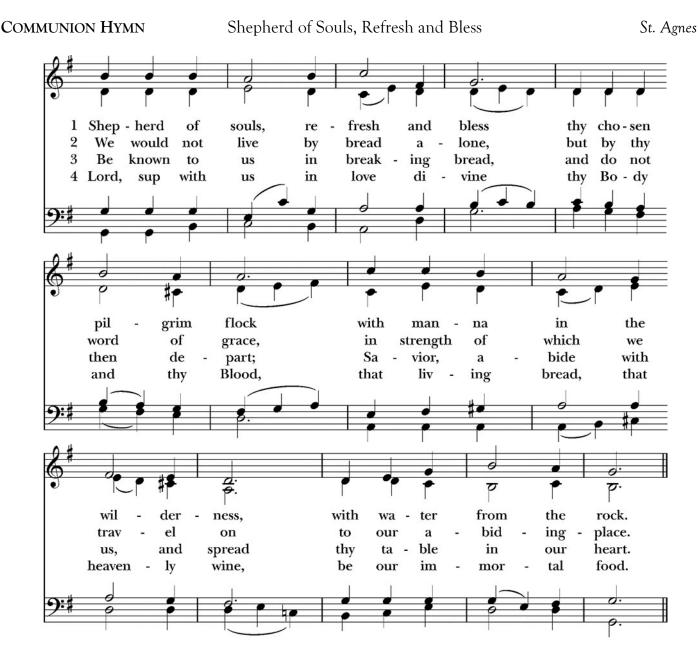
This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

# Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following 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.

# The Bread is given to communicants with these words:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.



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#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

# Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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*.

#### **EASTER BLESSING**

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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

# DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.





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Our worship has concluded. Your Service Begins.

#### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

# Today, April 25

# 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Drive-up Communion Reception

(Please RSVP to the office for a time to arrive)

5:00 PM Evening Prayer Premiere on YouTube

# Tuesday, April 27

6:00 PM Screwtape Letters Book Study

#### Sunday, May 2

10:00 AM Sunday Virtual Service on YouTube 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Drive-Up Communion Reception (Please RSVP to the office for a time to arrive)

#### 12:00 PM Outdoor Service in the Peace Garden

(Please RSVP to the office)

5:00 PM Evening Prayer Premiere on YouTube

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In-person services start on May 2 at noon outdoors in the Peace Garden. In case of inclement weather, Outdoor Mass will be canceled and we ask that you watch the streamed service as we will continue to livestream a Mass at 10:00AM. We ask that you bring a lawn chair if you have one or let the church know that you will need a chair. If you have any coronavirus symptoms, we ask that you stay home. Household units will be seated at least 6 feet apart and masks will be required. We are excited to finally regather as a community in person. By this fall, we should be in good shape to hold indoor services safely. Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate the pandemic and try our best to keep people safe and meet spiritual needs as well.

Pentecost is May 23. We are having our annual ingathering of red geraniums to plant around the Peace Garden. Please bring in your red geraniums on May 23rd or drop them off during office hours a couple days before. Our annual planting will be on Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 PM as the next weekend is a holiday weekend. Please Bring Red Geraniums to the Church for planting in the Peace Garden

#### **PRAYERS**

Parishioner Cycle of prayer: Cheyenne, Duncan and Linda Marx

Ministry Rotation of Prayer: Flower Ministry

Happy Anniversary Chip and Connie Day

For those who are sick: Kitty, Jerry, Jack, Bev, Marilou, Gary, Vickie, Matt, Janet, Michael and

Joshua, Joleen