

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

O God, we seek to be a people of the resurrection, a people of Easter joy. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives; in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Christ is made the sure foundation” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of God on high,
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts to - day;
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of thee to gain;



cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy;
with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness hear they serv - ants as they pray,
what they gain from thee, for ev - er with the bless - ed to re - tain,



ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
God the One in Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
and thy full - est ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
and here - af - ter in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

—Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861,
after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt.

Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All: 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Remain standing; everyone sings the refrain three times.*

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

—Setting: Jacques Bertier, Taizé

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

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 *Seated.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:5–12).

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.

PSALM 23



—Setting: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- 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 for ever.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the First Letter of John (3:16–24).

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.

HYMN “God is love, and where true love is” *Standing; everyone sings.*

Refrain

God is love, and where true love is
 God him - self is there. there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.

2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

—Words: Latin; tr. James Quinn (b. 1919), alt
 Music: *Mandatum*, Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join An Backus for Children’s Chapel.
They will return at the Peace.*

SERMON

A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.

CREED *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



We be - lieve_ in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be.
We be - lieve_ that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
We be lieve_ in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-in



Mak - er of_ the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky_ and sea.
tak - en from_ the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.
one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees_ from sin;



We be lieve_ in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us_ both Lord_ and Christ,
We be lieve_ that on the third_ day Christ was raised up from_ the grave,
in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of_ death's chain



of_ the Spir - it and_ of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
then_ as cend - ed to_ God's right_ hand. He will come a - gain to save.
gives the life_ that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith_ that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.

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Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the needs and concerns of this congregation: for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the wider community of our families and friends, our parishioners whom we now name, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray especially for...

BEN & SARAH

Alford/Sheppeard

THE BAKER FAMILY

GAIL Cox

MARY Davis

LOIS & RON Dearolf

CONNIE DeWitt

DANA & DEWELL Downey

DOUG Emblar

THE GREELEY FAMILY

JOYCE Grubb

MARGE Hudson

ANN McClain

DON McConnell

DALE Oakley

KENT Parish

ALLAN Philp

MARILYN Randall

THE RICHARDS FAMILY

TOM Schlitt

SHAROLYN Sprigg

LO Starck

JOYCE Taylor

DENISE & ROGER Tivedo

ALICE & FRED Wegmann

MICHELE Welsh

and

DON White

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; and we remember their families and friends who grieve.

Silence.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

PEACE *Standing.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

ANTHEM

Shepherd Me, O God

*The choir introduces the refrain and sings the verses.
All sing the following refrains.*

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth.
My spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your road and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*

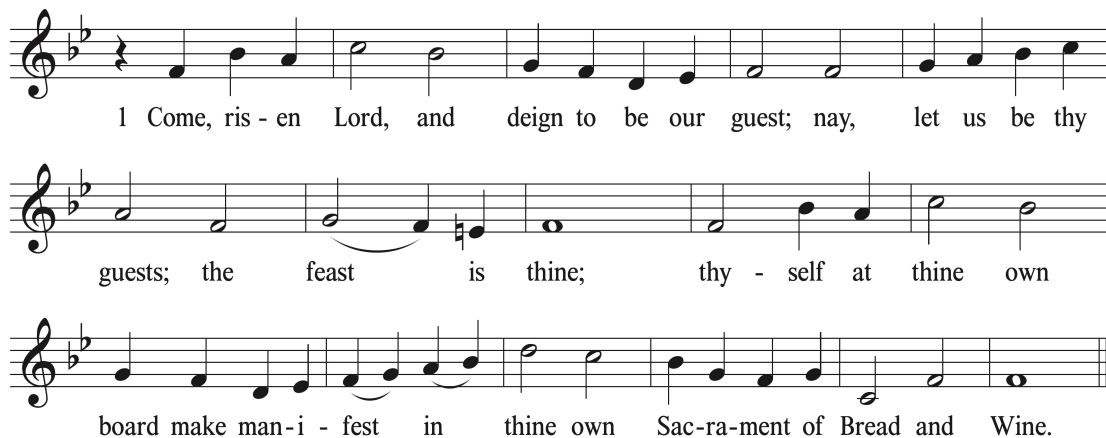
You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. *Refrain*

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life.

I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore. *Refrain*

—Words and Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950), para. of Psalm 23
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HYMN “Come, risen Lord” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "I Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy". The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "guests; the feast is thine; thy - self at thine own". The third staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: "board make man-i - fest in thine own Sac-ra-ment of Bread and Wine." The music ends with a double bar line.

I Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy
guests; the feast is thine; thy - self at thine own
board make man-i - fest in thine own Sac-ra-ment of Bread and Wine.

—Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.
Music: *Rosedale*, Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

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.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

Everyone sings:

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

—Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: 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.”

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: 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 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.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy Gifts for God's holy People.
Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died and was raised for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Seek ye first the kingdom of God” *Everyone sings.*

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

—Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7
Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)
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HYMN “The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want” *Everyone sings.*



1 The Lord’s my shep - herd, I’ll not want.
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain,
 3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life



1 He makes me down to lie
 2 and me to walk doth make
 3 yet will I fear no ill;
 4 in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 shall sure - ly fol - low me;



1 in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me
 2 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
 3 for thou art with me, and thy rod
 4 my head thou dost with oil a - noint,
 5 and in God’s house for - ev - er - more



1 the qui - et wa - ters by.
 2 e’en for his own Name’s sake.
 3 and staff me com - fort still.
 4 and my cup o - ver - flows.
 5 my dwell - ing place shall be.

—Words: *Scottish Psalter*, 1650
 Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831,
 adapt. and arr. Fredrick Brabson (b. 1972)

DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -
low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *Remain standing.*

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. We are who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

BLESSING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: 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.*

HYMN “Lord dismiss us with thy blessing” / “Savior, like a shepherd lead us”

1. Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2. Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 3. Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 4. so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the
 joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,
 tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
 O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

—Words: St. 1, 3-4: att. John Fawcett (1739/40–1817); st. 2: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt.
 Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
 People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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