CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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

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> The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

Please silence all phones and electronic devices.

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



Music: Westchase, Carlton R. Young (b. 1926)

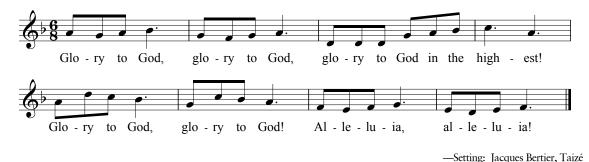
ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY Remain standing.

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.



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 (9:36–43).

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.

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

PSALM 23



⁻Setting: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

- 1 The LORD is my <u>shepherd</u>; * I shall not be in <u>want</u>.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green <u>pastures</u> * and leads me beside still <u>waters</u>.
- 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 <u>trouble me</u>; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running <u>over</u>.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my <u>life</u>, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for <u>ever</u>.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Revelation to John (7:9–17).

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, saving, "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 eves."

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

HYMN "Who are these like stars appearing" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: Heinrich Theobald Schenk (1656–1727); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt. Music: Zeuch mich, zeuch mich, melody from Geistreiches Gesang-buch, 1698; harm. William Henry Monk ((1823–1889), alt.

GOSPEL Remain standing.

Gospeler:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:22–30).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."

Gospeler:	The Gospel of the Lord.
People:	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Ann 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.



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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.

	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
	For all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church.
Leader:	For the needs and concerns of this congregation: for those in the militar

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...

ED Archer	IRA Lewis	ALLAN Philp
CHIP Beets	FRANCIS Lloyd	MARILYN Randall
KEN Bell	KEITH Mandrell	JANE Reed
PEGGY Bradley	ANN McClain	RARA Schlitt
BEVERLY Burns	DON McConnell	SARAH Sheppeard
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet	TOM McConnell	THE STAPLETON FAMILY
GAIL Cox	NATALIE McNutt	DENISE Tibedo
RON Dearolf	ARIES McQuilkin	SAM & MARY ANN Venable
DANA & DEWELL Downey	MARCELLUS Mitchell	IDALEE Vogel-Jackson
DOUG Embler	ANDRE Nega	SUE Wager
BEVERLY Guiler	DALE Oakley	and
MARGE Hudson	PAT Pagni	ALICE & FRED Wegmann
CLAIRE Keene	KENT Parish	
MARLENE Latture	BELLE Parman	

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

	Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.
	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. <i>Silence</i> .
People:	Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Most gracious and gentle God, from the womb of your love you gave birth to all creation, and in your Son Jesus Christ you reveal a loving-kindness that longs to gather up your children under the shadow of your wings: Hear and accept the prayers of your children. May all of your children experience motherly love as an outward and visible sign of your never-failing love. And through the love of all who mother, may we feel the warmth of your tender mercies and know the constancy of your unconditional love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

BLESSING OF 2025 GRADUATES Seated.

Celebrant: May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. *Amen.*

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace. *Amen*.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to them and turn their pain into joy. *Amen*.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, that you can do what others claim cannot be done. *Amen.*

The Choir sings:

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord lift his countenance upon you, And give you peace; The Lord make his face to shine upon you, And be gracious unto you. Amen.

-Setting: Peter C. Lutkin

Celebrant: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *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

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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

Good Shepherd

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never; I nothing lack since I am his, and he is mine for ever. God before me. God beside me. God behind me. God above me.

Where streams of living waters flow, my troubled soul is healing; And quietly the pastures grow, the voice of God revealing. God before me. God beside me. God behind me. God above me.

In darkest hours I fear no ill with my dear Lord beside me; Your strength and mercy comfort still, Your hand is there to guide me. God before me. God beside me. God behind me. God above me.

And so through all the length of days we ne'er shall grow apart. Good Shepherd, I will sing your praise for living in my heart. God before me. God beside me. God behind me. God above me. God within me.

O King of Love! O Prince of Peace! O Child of Hope! Good Shepherd I will sing your praise for living in my heart.

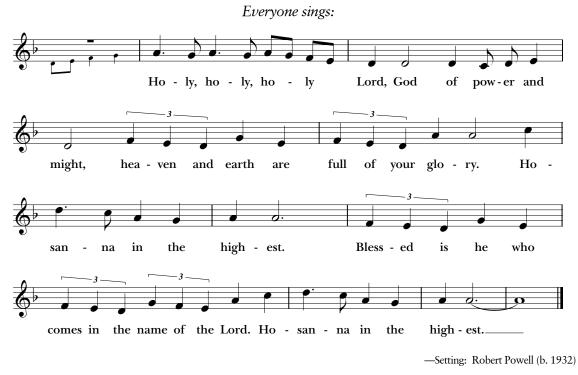
> —Words: Henry William Baker (1821–1877), alt. Music: Gwyneth Walker (b.1947)

HYMN "Come, risen Lord" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings. 1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy 4 One with each art one Sav-ior o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who guests; the is thine; thy - self at thine own board make man - i feast ing Head; liv and one then o-pen thou our eyes that, we may fest in thine Sac - ra - ment of Wine. own Bread and see; be known to us in break-ing of the bread. -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:



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

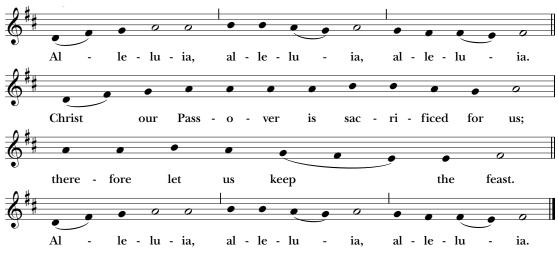
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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



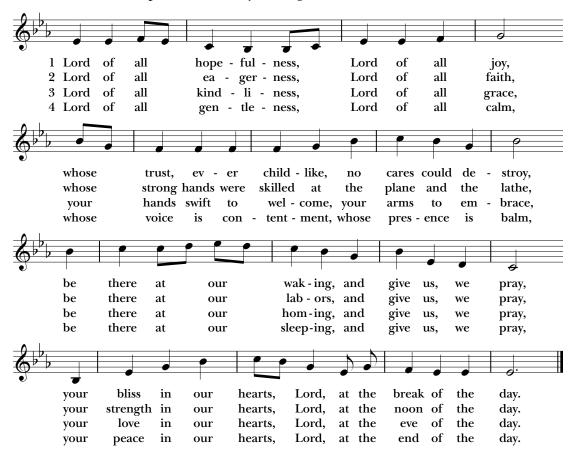
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:

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

INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

DURING COMMUNION



HYMN "Lord of all hopefulness" Everyone sings.

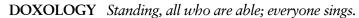
—Words: Jan Struther (1901–1953) Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody

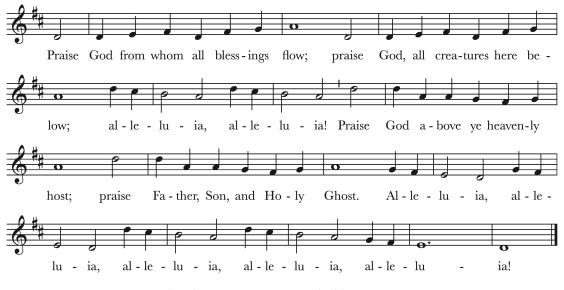
HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Everyone sings.



Music: Anthony J. Showalter (1858–1949),

harm. Fredrick Brabson (b. 1972), after James Walker (b. 1956)





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.



HYMN "Lord dismiss us with thy blessing" / "Savior, like a shepherd lead us" Everyone sings.

—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.

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