

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Sunday, April 26, 2026
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

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THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,
Thy head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place
And he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light.
Look unto me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of Life I’ll walk
Till traveling days are done.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.*

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

CHILDREN AGES 5 THRU 5TH GRADE MAY FOLLOW THE CROSS TO CHILDREN’S CHAPEL DURING THE GLORIA

GLORIA

Hymn # S-280

***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.***

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 THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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.

THE PSALM (*read in unison*)

Psalm 23 KJV

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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.

SEQUENCE SONG - Sweet Hour of Prayer

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne,
Make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To him, whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless
And since he bids me seek his face,
Believe his Word, and trust his grace
I'll cast on him my ev'ry care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits
burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God,
my Savior, shows his face,
And gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

SERMON RESPONSE - My Heart Will Trust

1. *I'll walk closer now on the higher way
Through the darkest night will you hold my hand?
Jesus, guide my way.*
2. *O you mourn with me, and you dance with me
For my heart of hearts is bound to you.*
3. *O you counsel me, and you comfort me
When I cannot see you light my path.*

CHORUS:
*Though I walk through valleys low
I'll fear no evil
By the waters, still my soul
My heart will trust in you
My heart will trust in you*

**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

Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian our Bishops; Ralph our Priest; and Nancy our Deacon.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on _____ and those whom we name now, either silently or aloud. (Pause) We pray for those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially _____ and those we name now, either silently or aloud. (Pause) We offer them to you, O Lord.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence)

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY - People Get Ready

*People get ready there's a train a comin'
You don't need no baggage, you just get on board
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin'
You don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord*

*People get ready for the train to join in
Pickin' up passengers from coast to coast
Faith is the key; open up the door and board her
There's hope for all
among those who love the most*

*There ain't no room for the hopeless sinner
Who would hurt all mankind just to save his all
Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner
And no hidin' place against the King of All*

*People get ready there's a train a comin'
You don't need no baggage
you just get on board
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin'
You don't need no ticket,
you just thank the Lord
I believe, I believe, I believe, I do believe (Repeat)*

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*The priest adds a proper preface.*)

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory (repeat)

Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (repeat)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

(*The people may kneel or stand.*)

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 forever. **Amen.**

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

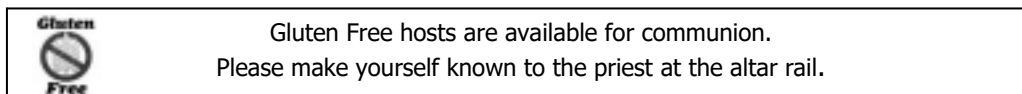
***Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
Are Yours now and forever. Amen.***

Canterbury Version

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

These are 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.



***If you have a special prayer need, step into the side chapel after you receive communion,
and a member of the Prayer Team will pray with you.***

COMMUNION SONG 1 - The Bread Has Been Broken

1. ***Come to the table and worship the Savior
Taste what forgiveness is for
His mercy will lead us, the grace of God feed us
Making us hungry for more
His body was given for you and for me
Look on the Cross and believe***

2. ***The Bread has been broken
and all those who know him
Believe without touching the scars
His death reconciled us; we live sanctified to
Become what we already are
To him who loves us and freed us to love
Be glory and honor and praise***

CHORUS:
***The Bread has been broken
Our eyes have been opened
Oh come, Lord, restore and renew
The word has been spoken
So humble and broken
We do all in remembrance of you***

***His body was given for you and for me
Look on the Cross and believe.***

COMMUNION SONG 2 - Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1. *Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There's a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.*

CHORUS:

*In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

2. *Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me.*

3. *Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me.*

4. *Near the cross, I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** (these words may differ from time to time)

CLOSING SONG - I'll Fly Away

*Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To a land on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away
When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison walls has flown, I'll fly away*

CHORUS:

*I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away*

*Oh how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away*

*Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joy will never end, I'll fly away (Chorus)*

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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