

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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*Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.
Here “we challenge ourselves and the world to love
like Jesus as we worship joyfully,
serve compassionately and grow spiritually.”*

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

The Organ Voluntary

In Green Pastures

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell.

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 208
omit verse 3

Victory

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

The people standing, the Celebrant says

The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant and People

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.**

Celebrant and People

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

The 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 people sit.

The First Lesson

Acts 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.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 23

Chanted by the congregation and choir

Dominus regit me



- 1 The Lord | is my | shepherd; *
I | shall not | be in | want.
- 2 He makes me lie down | in green | pastures *
and | leads • me be- | side still | waters.
- 3 He re- | vives 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.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 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, saying,

“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 eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence

Hymn 708

Sicilian Mariners

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

The Gospel

John 10:22-30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Liz Hendrick

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

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

Form II, BCP

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength is known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Rob, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

We pray for the Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

We pray for those who are currently serving our country in the Armed Forces, especially Stovall Knight, Chandler Celluzi, Taylor Tekesky, and Kyle Hubert.

We pray for those among us in need of healing, comfort, support, and compassion.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers by name, especially Dan Bennett, Rev. Louis Tonsmeire, Sam Hood, Drew Tonsmeire, Lynette Pasek, Janet Whitner, Steve King, Sandy Thornton, Leata Selby, and John Schock.

We pray for those who have long-term health problems or are homebound, especially Sandy Rutters, Glendy Biggs, Hope Cunningham, Sarah McLeod, Houston Suggs, Kimberly Gottardi, John Youd, Steve Novak, George Chesnut, Sally Bonton, and Patsy Bennett.

Silence

Hear us Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We celebrate with those who have a birthday this week, especially Linda Hamilton, Mark Burke, Jillian Franklin, Marla Rozier, Arleigh Daniel, and Angee McKee.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Laura Dent, Jim Lavigne, and Betty Whaley, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Parish Notices

The Offertory Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd

Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

The Presentation

Hymn 478

Monk's Gate



1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness, —
2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing, —
3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing, —



the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness; —
in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing. —
true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: —



your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;
You are your - self the Way: lead us then day by day
all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;



you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.
the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

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The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains four measures of music. The first two measures are rests. The third and fourth measures contain a melodic line with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a half note G4. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly,' are written below the notes. The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains four measures of music. The first two measures contain notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The third and fourth measures contain notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and a half note G4. The lyrics 'ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,' are written below the notes.

heaven 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: William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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. **AMEN.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal lowed be your
Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth — as in hea - ven.
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de -
li-ver us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are
yours, now and for ev - er. A - - men. A - men.

Setting: Barry McLeod, from *Mass for the Church of the Ascension*, © 2007 Barry McLeod

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

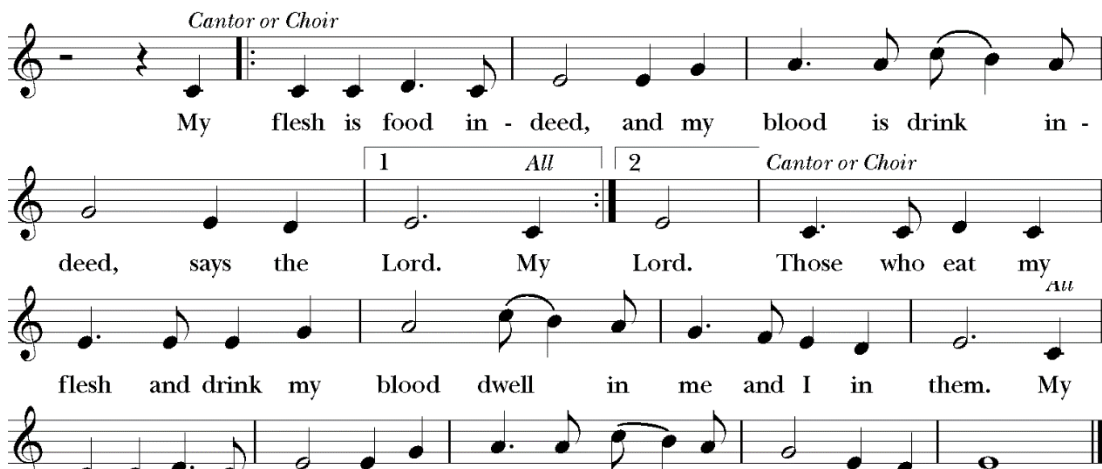
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant and People

Fraction Anthem

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Cantor or Choir



My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

1 All 2 *Cantor or Choir*

Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymns during Communion

Hymn 343

St. Agnes

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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Hymn 646

Dominus regit me

Descant

6 And so through all the length of days thy

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy

6 good-ness fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 good-ness fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 ran-somed soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 thee, dear Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 unc-tion grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port

If you are worshipping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. †I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people stand.

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.

The Blessing

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 522

Austria

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

The Dismissal

The Closing Voluntary

Alleluias

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979
according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

The Flowers at the Altar are given by
Joe and Kathi White
to the Glory of God
and in memory of
Gerald Hoyt and Jamie Hoyt.

You are called to ministry!

There is a place for you in one of the following ministries. Please contact the ministry leaders listed for more information about where your gifts may fit to strengthen our efforts to bring God's mission for the Church of the Ascension to full measure. If not sure where to start call the church office.

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