

Holy Eucharist

April 21, 2024

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Prelude



All stand as they are able

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 645

The King of love my shepherd is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good - ness



1 fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
5 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
6 fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Presider begins the 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.**

Gloria

8 Glo-ry to God in the high - estand
14 peace to God's peo - ple, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heavenly
19 King, Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
25 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
31 Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take a - way all the sin of the
36 world. Have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
43 Fa - ther. Re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
48 Ho - ly One. You a - lone are the Lord. You a - lone are the Most High
51 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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.**

All sit.

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

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.**

Remain seated

Psalm 23

to be prayed in unison

- 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 Reading

1 John 3:16-24

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.**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

to be sung through twice

Chorus Book 155

One flock, one shepherd

Chords: $B\flat/C$, $C7$, F , $E\flat/F$, $B\flat$, $B\flat/F$, F , $B\flat/F$, $B\flat m6/F$, F , $D7$

Lyrics: We are one flock, one Shepherd; The sweet-est sto-ry that has

G7 C7 B \flat /C C7 F E \flat /F F7 E \flat /F B \flat B \flat m6

ev - er been told. We are one flock led by one Shep - herd;

B \flat m6 F C \flat m6/E \flat D+ D7 G7 B \flat 6/C F B \flat /F F

And some - day He will bring us _____ to one fold.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
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."



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

Sermon

Larry Odom-Groh

All then stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Brothers and sisters, children of God, we have a table spread before us and reassurance in our hearts with the Holy One's guiding care: Let God hear our prayers for all God's people, as we say, the Lord is our shepherd; we shall not be in want.

Intercessor You know your own and your own know you, good Shepherd of the sheep: Guide the Church in gentleness and peace, that we may obey your commandment to love one another

and live out that love in truth and action. The Lord is our shepherd; **we shall not be in want.**

Silence is kept.

The rejected stone has become the cornerstone for the whole world's salvation, the power and name for all healing: Be present, O God, among our leaders and with those who exercise authority for the nations of the world, that they may guide us along right pathways for your Name's sake. The Lord is our shepherd; **we shall not be in want.**

Silence is kept

You have given your life for the protection of your people: Open our eyes to see our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world, and then empower us to respond with generous help. The Lord is our shepherd; **we shall not be in want.**

Silence is kept

The Spirit that you have given us is alive in this community: Revive our souls that we may abide in Christ, lay down our lives for one another, and lie down in green pastures beside the still waters of fellowship and reconciliation. The Lord is our shepherd; **we shall not be in want.**

Silence is kept

We thank you that we abide in Christ, and that Christ abides in us. Receive our prayers of gratefulness and thanksgiving [especially for _____].

Hear us as we bring the concerns of our hearts to you, O Gracious One [remembering especially _____].

Hear our prayers for those who have walked through the valley of the shadow of death; grant that they may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. We remember especially _____. The Lord is our shepherd; **we shall not be in want.**

Presider Reassure our hearts, O God, with the comfort of your guiding presence, that we may know that you are with us, and we will fear no evil. Strengthen us to join in the Spirit's work of leading all people into your divine abundant love, that goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Presider says to the people

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Let us confess our sins to God.

All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.

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.**

A Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, † forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

All then stand as they are able.

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may offer God's peace to one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

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*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or

other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

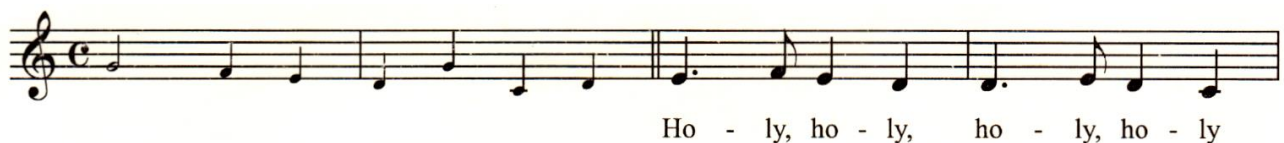
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

Shepherding God, we praise and thank you
because you gathered your flock around Abraham,
and through Moses and Joshua
you brought your sheep to a place of safety.


In Jesus, you came to us as a Passover Lamb
to take away the sins of the world.
As our everlasting Good Shepherd you promise
that those who hear your voice shall never be in want,
for you know your sheep by name, and call us your own,
and give to each of us a place in the sheepfold of your kingdom,
where angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, sing your unending praise:


Sanctus



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 God of po - wer and might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

9

 God of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

12

 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! All

15

 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -

18

 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!


 Bles-sed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

The people continue to stand, or kneel, as they are able.

The Presider continues

Sustaining God, as you lead your sheep to green pastures
 and guide them beside still waters,
 so you have led us to this table
 where, in bread and wine, you restore our soul.

Send down your + Holy Spirit and restore your church
 through the abundance of this sacred meal.
 As we remember the story of your Son's life laid down for us,
 sanctify this bread and cup + and make them be for us
 the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
 broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Saving God, your rod and staff comfort all who look to you in faith.
Search out your sheep that are lost and bring them home.
When you find them in the valley of fear, gather them in your arms.
When they face evil in the presence of enemies,
lead them with your goodness and mercy all the days of their life.
On that day when the shadow of death covers them,
bring them to dwell in your house forever.

Shepherd us with Barnabas and all your saints of every age into your glorious presence,
where we shall behold your Lamb seated in glory, most Holy Trinity, now and always.
AMEN.

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

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

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit.
It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often,
and you who have not been for a long time, or ever before,
you who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.
Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Remaining seated, the following is sung after the table has been cleared.

Communion Hymn

Chorus 104

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

System 1: Chords: D, F#m7, GM9, Em7, D/E. Lyrics: Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place; I can

System 2: Chords: Em7, F#m/A, A7, G/A, A7, D, G/A, F#m/A, A7. Lyrics: feel His might-y pow - er and His grace. I can

System 3: Chords: D, F#m7, GM9, Em7. Lyrics: hear the brush of an-gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face;



The Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
 you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us
 with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth
 in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

And may the + Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen**

Concluding Hymn

O Jesus, you were born to be

Tune: Truro

1. O Je - sus, you were born to be God's gift to
 2. You taught the peo - ple eve - ry day as Rab - bi,
 3. You are the Bread that sat - is - fies, the Light that
 6. O Je - sus, you're the liv - ing Way, the Res - sur -

save hu - man - i - ty; and one great day we're
 Teach - er of the Way; O Mas - ter, may we
 guides us through our lives, the Gate that leads us
 rec - tion, God's new Day. You give us hope and

mov - ing toward, all life will bow and call you Lord!
 learn from you to love both God and neigh - bor, too.
 safe - ly home, the Shep - herd call - ing to your own.
 make us new. How won - drous is our life in you!

Dismissal

Minister And now, my sisters and brothers in Christ, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas, the Encourager. Go out with joy and in peace, to love and serve our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)
and for all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

April 21 The Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

April 21 St Michael’s, Lansing; St Paul’s, Brighton; Christ the King, Puerto Plata, DR

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Rick, Julie, Jim G, Mary G

and our continuing prayers for: Jim M, Mardi, Pat, Robert, Selenah

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with “St Barnabas” on the memo line. The **next Food Drive is TODAY, Sunday April 21**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

- April 21 Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109
- 22 Hadewijch of Brabant, Poet and Mystic, 13th c.
- 23 Toyohiko Kagawa, Social Reformer, 1960
- 24 Genocide Remembrance Day, 1919
- 25 Mark the Evangelist
- 26 Robert Hunt, Priest, 1607
- 27 Zita of Tuscany, Worker of Charity, 1271

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Acts 4:5-12

This passage finds Peter and John having been arrested for teaching the Gospel to crowds of people. When they’re brought in front of the powers-that-be, rather than denying what they were doing or keeping silent,

Peter doubles down and reaffirms that the healing and teaching they were doing was, in fact, in the name of Jesus Christ. When the chips were down, Peter chose not to lie to avoid trouble. Instead, “filled with the Holy Spirit,” he tells the truth, even while knowing that it could have dire consequences.

It’s exceptionally difficult to maintain a commitment to the truth when your personal safety and well-being are at risk. And yet, this is the call that the disciples knew they must answer. They take a big risk to continue preaching the Gospel, even and especially after seeing how the authorities tortured and killed Jesus. Their courage and commitment speak to the significance and depth of their belief in the Gospel, as well as their charge to continue to teach others about Jesus even in the face of personal danger.

- What examples from history can you think of where an individual or group refused to compromise on telling the truth? What were the consequences? Was it worth it?
- What are your most deeply held beliefs? Where do they come from, and how do they influence your life?

Psalm 23

This psalm is one of the most well-known pieces of Scripture in the entire Biblical canon. It is often memorized and recited to provide comfort, reassurance, and hope in difficult situations. Like many people, I often get nervous while flying. During takeoff, I find myself often whispering this psalm to myself under my breath as a way to provide comfort and remind myself that God is present even in frightening or dangerous situations.

Here, the psalmist proclaims God’s faithfulness and steadfastness. God never leaves us alone to fend for ourselves, nor forgets us when we need guidance, reassurance, or help. When we are in the midst of trouble, these truths can feel far away. The words of the psalm, however, help us to remain strong in our faith even during those times of uncertainty and fear.

- Are there certain prayers or words from Scripture that bring you comfort?
- What have been some of the “valley[s] of the shadow of death” that you’ve walked through in your life? Were you able to feel God’s presence during those times?

1 John 3:16-24

Most of us have probably heard the expression, “It’s not enough to talk the talk, you have to walk the walk.” This sums up this passage well, as it reminds us that living the Gospel demands not just saying the right things, but also taking action for truth and justice. Following God’s commandments isn’t something we do to earn God’s love – that, after all, is a gift freely given to us. Instead, it’s a way of demonstrating the love that we have received and the desire to act with integrity in the world, loving others and doing what is right.

- Is love an action, a feeling, or something else? How do you know when you are seeing someone act out of love?
- What does it mean to lay down one’s life for another? How might you be being called to live out this commandment in your own life?

John 10:11-18

The Good Shepherd is one of the most enduring and powerful images of Christ, and a metaphor that helps us to understand the ways in which God loves us. In this passage, Jesus makes the distinction between a hired hand who abandons the sheep when times get tough, and a shepherd who never gives up on protecting his flock, even when it requires him to lay down his own life.

It is a powerful thing to know that we are loved so deeply and relentlessly, as Jesus describes to his followers here in this passage. Although difficulties and dangers are part of living a human life, Jesus assures us that ultimately, we have the protection of his self-sacrificial love which will never leave us out in the cold.

- What would you do if you knew you were protected and could not fail?
- What metaphors for Christ’s love do you find most powerful? What do you picture when you hear “the Good Shepherd?”

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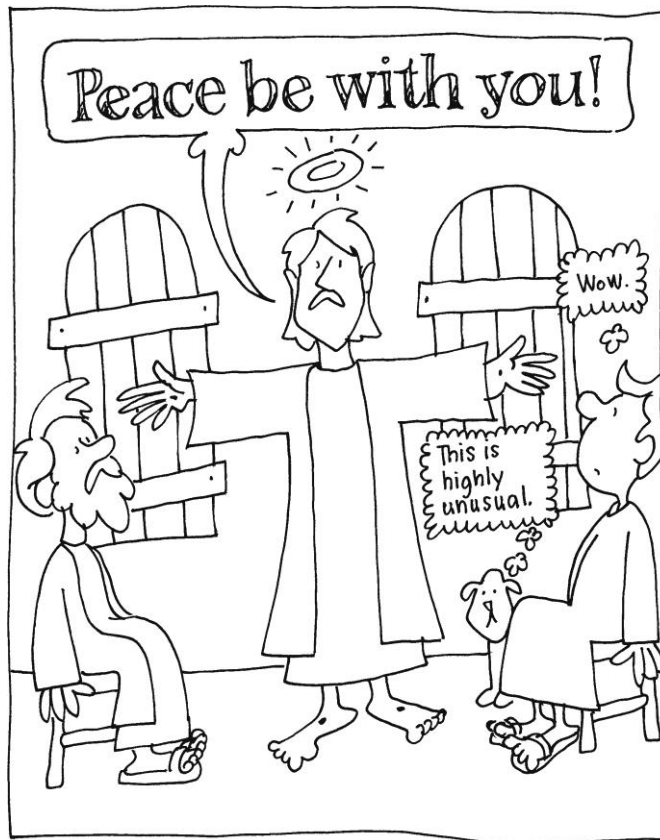
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We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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