



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022
11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader.
Bold text indicates the congregational response.

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the
cranberry-colored *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Walter Pelz

We stand as we are able .

ENTRANCE RITE

Hymn 369

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

We begin services in Eastertide with the Paschal Greeting, which recalls the resurrected Jesus' greeting to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (Matt 28:6). The apostolic greeting which follows quotes the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 13:14)

Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

The Hymn of Praise, Worthy Is Christ, is sometimes referred to as the Easter song of triumph and is adapted from Revelation 5:9-13 and 19:4-9.

Hymn of Praise

Worthy Is Christ



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



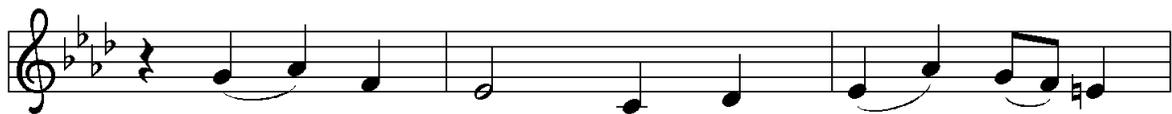
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar.

The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

During the Sundays of Easter, the first lesson is from the Acts of the Apostles.

A psalm is spoken or sung in response to the first reading.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

We are seated.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

L A reading from Acts.

³⁶Now 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. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since 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." ³⁹So 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. ⁴⁰Peter 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. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The choir sings the refrain, and all repeat it. The congregation sings the refrain as indicated.



The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

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. **R**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running 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. **R**

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church. In lectionary year C, the second lesson is from Revelation.

Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

L A reading from Revelation

⁹After this 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵For 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.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for 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.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand as we are able.

Gospel Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1. Good Chris-tian friends, re-joyce and sing! Now is the tri - umph

2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:



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

The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.

The Gospel: John 10:22-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So 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." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4. Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

We sit.

Sermon

Pastor James Armentrout

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

Hymn 502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

The Nicene Creed (which begins, "We believe...") has been used in worship since the 5th century

The Creed

P Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C **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**

*We join our hearts
in prayer as we
pray for the
Church, for the
well-being of crea-
tion, for peace and
justice, for those in
need. 1 Timothy
2:1-2*

The Prayers



Each petition concludes:

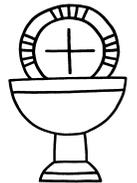
P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

*Much more than a
pleasant greet-
ing—we do this to
proclaim God’s
promise of peace.
2 Corinthians
13:11*

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

We greet one another, saying “Peace be with you.”



THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Brother James’s Air

arr. Mack Wilberg

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of blessedness,
E’en for his own name’s sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me,
And thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

*Our gifts are re-
ceived and dedi-
cated to our
Lord’s service.
These offerings
support the minis-
tries of this con-
gregation, the Vir-
ginia Synod,
ELCA, and our
global mission
partners.*

Goodness and mercy all my days
Will surely follow me;
And in my Father’s house always
My dwelling place shall be.

- Psalm 23, from the *Scottish Psalter*, 1650

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
 slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
 vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

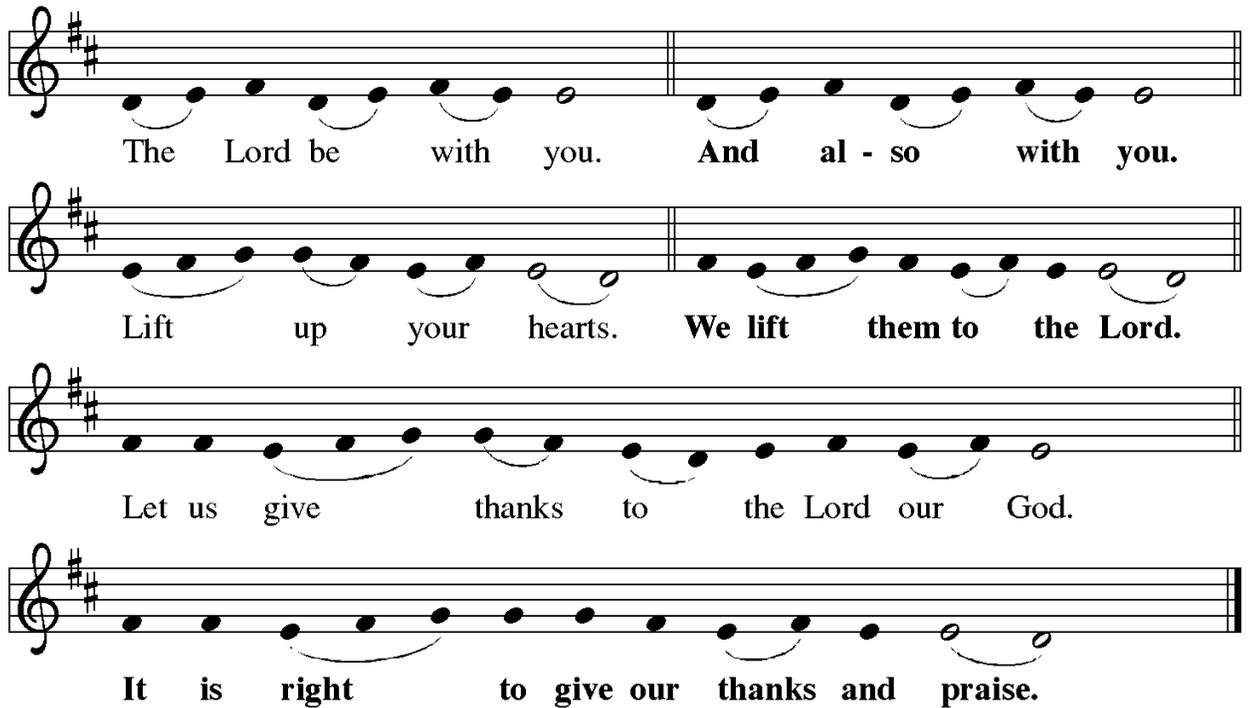
Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. Living God,
 C **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
 in your peaceable reign,
 and you welcome us all at your table.
 Reach out to us through this meal,
 and show us your wounded and risen body,
 that we may be nourished and believe
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 Amen**

Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.

Thanksgiving Dialogue

The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

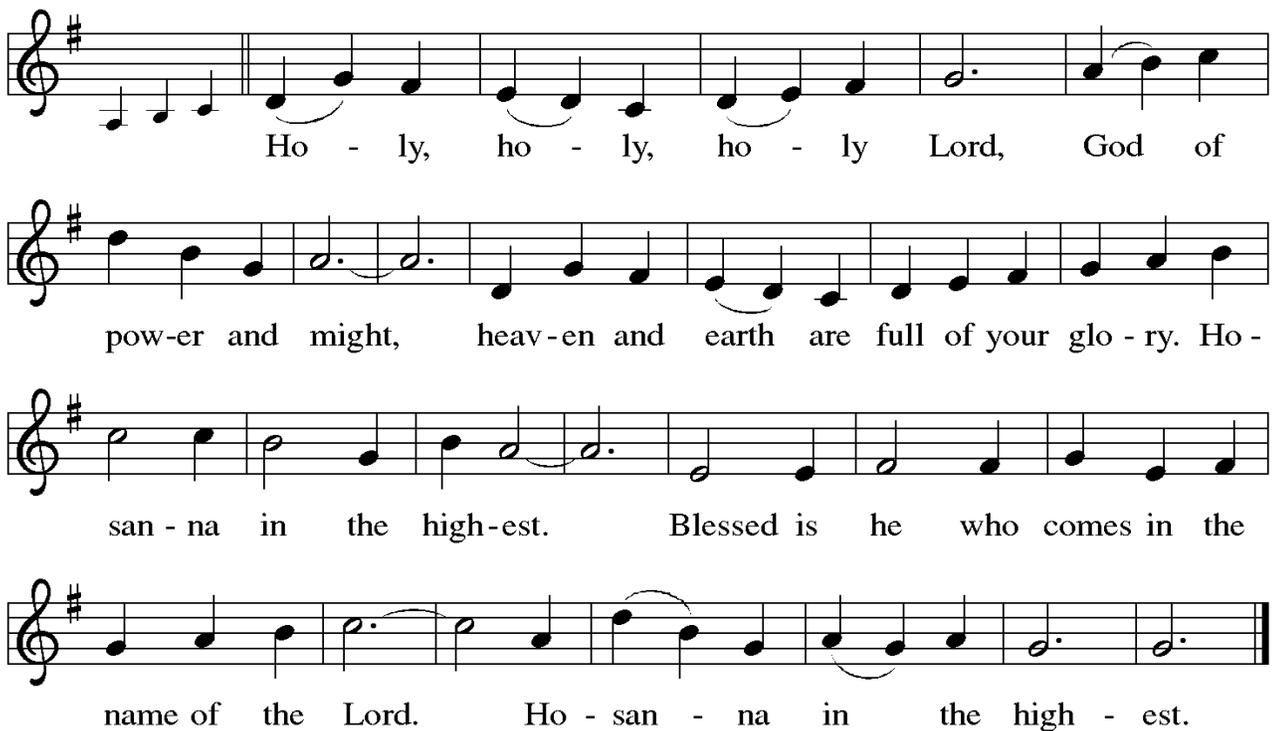
The Proper Preface

The presiding minister continues: "It is indeed right ..."

The proper preface concludes: "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

The Sanctus ("holy") echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With Saint Mark and your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C Amen

The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion.

Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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,

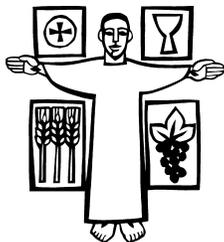
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen

We are seated.



COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle, and we return to our pews by way of the side aisles.



Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God,

**C for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.**

**Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.**

Amen

Blessing

P God the Father, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, continually show us loving kindness.

C Amen

P God the Son, victor over sin and death, grant us a share in the joy of his resurrection.

C Amen

P God the Spirit, giver of light and peace, renew our hearts in love.

C Amen

P May almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, continue to bless us, now and forever.

C Amen

Once we have all received the sacrament and returned to our seats, we celebrate the personal encounter with the risen Christ through blessing, prayer, and singing.

In Year C of the Revised Common Lectionary, the cycle of scripture lessons we follow, the second reading for the Sundays of Easter is taken from the Book of Revelation. Our closing hymns for the rest of this Easter season were chosen for their reflection of that day's reading from Revelation.

Hymn

Who Are These Like Stars Appearing

1. Who are these like stars ap - pear - ing, these bef - ore God's throne who stand?
 2 Who are these of daz - zling brigh-tness, these in God's own truth ar - rayed,
 3 These are they who have con - ten - ded for their Sa - vior's ho - nor long,
 4 These are they whose hearts were riv - en, sore with woe and an - guish tried,
 5 These, like priests, have watched and wait - ed, of - fring up to Christ their will;

Each a gold - en crown is wear - ing; who are all this glo - rious band?
 clad in robes of pur - est white-ness, robes whose lus - ter ne'er shall fade,
 wres - tling on 'til life was end - ed, fol - l'wing not the sin - ful throng;
 who in prayer full oft have striv - en with the God they glo - ri - fied;
 soul and bo - dy con - se - crat - ed, day and night to serve him still:

Al - le - lu - ia! Hark, they sing, prais - ing loud their heav'n - ly King.
 ne'er be touched by time's rude hand? Whence come all this glo - rious band?
 these, who well the fight sus - tained, tri - umph by the Lamb have gained.
 now, their pain - ful con - flict o'er, God has bid them weep no more.
 now in God's most ho - ly place blest they stand be - fore his face.

We are dismissed from worship knowing that our service does not end. Rather, having been in the presence of the risen Lord, we leave so that our service may truly begin.

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Go in peace loving the risen Lord and loving your neighbor. Alleluia, alleluia.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

arr. Healey Willan



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