

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Anno Domini 2023

Confession and Absolution

### Hymn of Invocation

#### Hymn

1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace  
That we our Lord and Savior  
In faith and fervent love embrace  
And truly serve Him ever.  
The hour of death cannot bring loss  
When we are sheltered by the cross  
That canceled our transgressions.

2 Help us that we Thy saving Word  
In faithful hearts may treasure;  
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford  
New grace in richest measure.  
O make us die to ev'ry sin,  
Each day create new life within,  
That fruits of faith may flourish.

3 And when our earthly race is run,  
Death's bitter hour impending,  
Then may Thy work in us begun  
Continue till life's ending,  
Until we gladly may commend  
Our souls into our Savior's hand,  
The crown of life obtaining.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Exhortation

*LSB 184*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

*LSB 185*

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;\*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God,\*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God,\*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

## Gloria Patri

*LSB 186*

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P Glory be to God on high:**

**C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**First Reading**

*Acts 2:42–47*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

**Epistle**

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of

God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*John 10:1–10*

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

C **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth**

**and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Hymn of the Day**

### **Hymn**

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

- 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
 My ransomed soul He leadeth  
 And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
 With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
 But yet in love He sought me  
 And on His shoulder gently laid  
 And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
 Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77

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**Sermon.** Text, the Gospel Reading. Theme, Jesus, the Door to the Abundant Life.

**Votum**

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

- C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
 Amen.**

*Sit*

**Offering.** This being an online service and if you have set aside an offering, please bring it on a following Sunday, donate online or put it in the mail to PO Box 12806, Mill Creek, WA 98082.

**Prayer of the Church.** The Litany

*p288 LSB*

L O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

L O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

L O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

L O Christ,

C **hear us.**

L God the Father in heaven,

C **have mercy.**

L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C **have mercy.**

L God the Holy Spirit,

C **have mercy.**

L Be gracious to us.

C **Spare us, good Lord.**

L Be gracious to us.

C **Help us, good Lord.**

L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C **Good Lord, deliver us.**

L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C **Help us, good Lord.**



- L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C **Help us, good Lord.**
- L We poor sinners implore You
- C **to hear us, O Lord.**
- L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;  
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;  
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
- C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;  
To direct and defend our [president/queen/king] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;  
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;  
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;  
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:
- C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L For all that are ill among us, O Father of all mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look with favor upon your servant(s) among us suffering from illness. Assure them of Your mercy, deliver them from the temptations of the evil one, and give them patience and comfort in this time of illness. If it please You, restore them to health, or give them grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope.
- L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C **we implore You to hear us.**

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
C **have mercy.**

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
C **have mercy.**

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
C **grant us Your peace.**

L O Christ,  
C **hear us.**

L O Lord,  
C **have mercy.**

L O Christ,  
C **have mercy.**

L O Lord,  
C **have mercy. Amen.**

## Hymn

1 O little flock, fear not the foe  
Who madly seeks your overthrow;  
Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
And though your courage sometimes faints,  
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints  
Lasts but a little hour.

2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs  
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;  
Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,  
His Gideon shall for you arise,  
Uphold you and His Word.

3 As true as God's own Word is true,  
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew  
Against us shall prevail.  
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!  
God is with us and we with God—  
Our vict'ry cannot fail.

4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;  
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,  
Fight for us once again!  
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise  
A mighty chorus to Thy praise  
Forevermore. Amen.

Text: Jacob Fabricius, 1593–1654; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

### Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P 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.
- C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Distribution

## Distribution Hymn(s)

## Hymn

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,  
    May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
    In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
    Give me Your grace and mercy.
  
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
    To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide,  
    Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
Refuge in You alone I seek,  
    To share Your cup of healing.
  
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,  
    For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight  
    In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
That I receive You worthily,  
    Assured of Your full pardon.
  
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord,  
    My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord,  
    O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me  
That You receive me graciously,  
    O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.

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*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

*LSB 199*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**The Dismissal**

*LSB 199*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

C **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Hymn to Depart**

**Hymn**

1 Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

4 When here our pathways part,  
We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,  
We hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

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### Salutation

*LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

### Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

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