



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Call to Worship

Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

C: Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, He is God!

L: It is He who made us, and we are His;

C: we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

C: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

L: For the LORD is good;

**C: His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Hymn #709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

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.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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The Easter Dialog

adapted from Revelation 1 & 7 NIV

L: Grace and peace to you from the One Who is, and
the One Who was, and the One Who will be
From the sevenfold Spirit before His throne;
And from Jesus Christ – He is the Faithful Witness,
the First of the dead to live again and the Ruler over the kings of the earth.

**C: To Him Who loves us
and by His blood has freed us from our sins,
and has made us a kingdom,
priests to God and His Father
— to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The uncountable multitude of nations standing before the throne of the Lamb cry out with a loud voice:

C: “Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

L: And all the angels standing around the throne worship Him saying:

C: “Amen!

**Praise
and glory
and wisdom
and thanks
and honor
and power
and strength
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”**

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

L: 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;

C: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #710 vv. 1-4 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

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 righteousness,
E’en for His own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

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

Psalm of the Day 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 Thy 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 for ever.

Hymn #710 v. 5 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Goodness and mercy all my life

Shall surely follow me;

And in God's house forevermore

My dwelling place shall be.

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New Testament Lesson

Acts 20:17-35

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to

those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gradual recited by ALL:

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 under His feet.

Epistle Lesson

Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson

John 10:22-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Tenth chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn #740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

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Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Hymn #735 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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The Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

A Time to Thank God for Our Mothers

Hymn "A Wife of Noble Heart" based on Proverbs 31 tune: "Your Table I Approach"

A wife of noble heart
is worth far more than jewels
Her husband has full confidence
He has no need unfilled
She brings him good, not harm,
throughout her length of days
She clothes, she works with eager hands
Her fam'ly to provide
With strength and dignity
she laughs at days to come
She speaks with wisdom; Faithful truth
Is on her loving tongue

A Scripture to Honor Our Mothers & Wives

Proverbs 31:10-31

L: An excellent wife who can find?
Men: She is far more precious than jewels.

L: The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar.

Men: She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.

L: She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

Men: She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.

L: She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

Men: She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

L: She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet.

She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant.

**Men: Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.**

Husbands and Children now stand

L: She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

**Men: "Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."**

L: Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

**Men: Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.**

A Mother's Day Prayer

L: Father, we praise and thank You this morning for the gift of our mothers. You have graciously used our mothers as participants in Your continuing act of creation, using their wombs to give us life.

All: Lord, I thank You this morning for my mother _____ .

L: "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." We confess this morning that we have not always obeyed our mothers. We have shown them disrespect, been disobedient and have not honored them.

C: Forgive me Lord, and help me to live a life that brings honor to my mother.

L: Lord, You have blessed most mothers with an unconditional love for their children. We are confident that as they pray for their children You graciously hear them . . .

Mothers: Almighty God and compassionate Lord, guard my *child/children* all the days of their lives. Protect them, I pray, from the powers of the Evil One. Bring them through trial and tribulation with their faith intact. And above all, I pray, inscribe *this/these name/s* in the Lamb's book of life
_____ .

Husbands: I thank you Lord, for my wife – the mother of my children. May Your angels guard and strengthen her. May Your Spirit direct and preserve her. Bless now, I pray, _____ .

L: Visit, we implore You, O Lord, the homes in which Your people dwell, and keep far from them all harm and danger.

Men: Grant us to dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels,

Women: and may Your blessing be with us forever;

All: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn “A Wife of Noble Heart” based on Proverbs 31

tune: “Your Table I Approach”

Her children do arise
and call her truly blest
Her husband rises at their side
And leads them in their praise

Δ All glory to the Son
Who comes to set us free
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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The Blessing

Hebrews 13:20-21

L: May the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will,

C: and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #605 “Father Welcomes”

REFRAIN:

*Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.*

Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. **REFRAIN**

In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. **REFRAIN**

Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. **REFRAIN**

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