

# Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 8, 2022

## Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Rite

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.*

### Hymn

*The King of love my shepherd is*

Hymnal 645



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
\* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
\* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
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  
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
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-less-tial feed-eth.  
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody; harm. *Hymnal 1982*

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant says 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.*

*The following is sung, all standing*

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



## 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.*

## First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

*All sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Remain seated.*

### Psalm 23

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*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 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

Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

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."

Reader           The Word of the Lord.  
 People           Thanks be to God.

### Sequence

*All stand.*

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Hymnal 708

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!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with two lines of text. The first system includes two numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

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 Madrigals*, Sicilian melody, from *The Fusonson Magazine and London Review*, 1792

## Gospel Acclamation

Easter Vigil

REFRAIN (cantor alone, then ALL)

Chant, Mode VI  
 arr. Tom Nichols

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

## Holy Gospel

John 10:22-30

*All stand.*

*Priest* 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."

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

## **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

*All stand.*

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.

## Prayers of the People

*All remain standing.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The Presider: Let us pray to God with the confidence of baptismal daughters and sons who stand in the light of the resurrection calling upon God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Leader: Let us pray for the Church throughout the world in all its many expressions that it may be filled with the new life of the Risen Crucified Christ. We pray especially for the Anglican Communion, for our own Episcopal Church, for our own diocese of Indianapolis, its people, parishes, and programs, and for our companion dioceses of Bor and Brasilia. Lord in your mercy,

The People: ***Hear our prayer.***

The Leader: We pray for all the newly baptized who have been united to us in the one body of Christ that transcends boundaries of time, social status, and denomination. Help each individual Christian to give witness to the unity of the Church in Jesus Christ in how they treat one another in the love Jesus commanded us to share. Lord, in your mercy,

The People: ***Hear our prayer.***

The Leader: We pray for all the people of this world for whom our Savior gave up his life that we might know the peace, justice, forgiveness, and love of God. Help the peoples and nations of the world commit themselves to turn from the ways of war, cruelty, oppression, and prejudice. Guide the leaders of all nations toward dialogue and away from confrontation, toward reconciliation and away from violence, toward inclusion and away from exclusion. And reshape the hearts of all people everywhere who see some group as their enemies to recognize in these enemies the same humanity God has given to all of us. Lord, in your mercy,

The People: ***Hear our prayer.***



The Leader: We pray for all who suffer in any way, especially the sick, the homeless, the dying, and those who are alone. We remember especially \_\_\_\_\_, and all others we might name\_\_\_\_\_. Give all those who suffer healing in the resurrection power of Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

The People: ***Hear our prayer.***

The Leader: We pray for all who have died and now rest with God in eternity. We remember especially those whom we hold close to our hearts \_\_\_\_\_. Give them peace and give us hope through the resurrection of Jesus, that the freedom of new eternal life given to us as baptized might even now penetrate and pervade our lives with faith, hope, and love. Lord, in your mercy

The People: ***Hear our prayer.***

The Presider: All these things, O God, we bring before you as adult children committed to the world for whom your son gave his life and rose again. This we pray through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The People: ***Amen.***

## **Confession of Sin**

*All kneel.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

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

## **Peace**

*All stand.*

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*

## **Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

## Offertory Hymn

*The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Hymnal 663

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines corresponding to the vocal line.

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how  
2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and  
3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the  
4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -  
5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by  
2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for  
3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for  
4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and  
5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.  
2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.  
3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.  
4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.  
5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

The image shows a musical score for the word 'Amen'. It consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line consists of a series of whole notes, each followed by a dash and the word 'men.'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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 for ever. Amen.

# Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

*Fine Verses*



— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

*All repeat Antiphon*



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though — ma - ny we share one — bread.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*



## Communion Hymn

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

Hymnal 343

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 - bide 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.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
 And now, Father, send us out  
 to do the work you have given us to do,  
 to love and serve you  
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

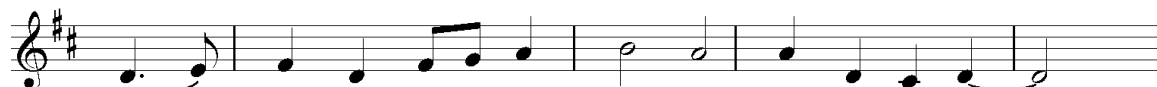
## Recessional Hymn

*Jesus, our mighty Lord*

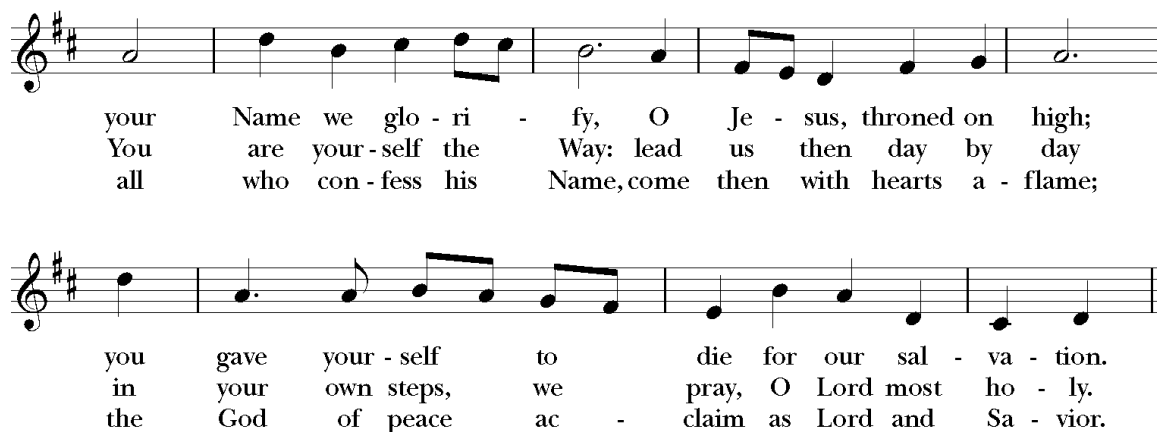
Hymnal 478



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.

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## A Note on Today's Readings

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter—Year C*

Welcome to our parish on this day in the church year traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd of his people was connected very early in the church's life with Holy Baptism. The Good Shepherd is the most common decoration in baptisteries in church buildings from the second and third centuries. This image was reinforced in the church's art, liturgy, and music by the Old Testament's use of the shepherd image to express the care God has for all people.

In the Book of Revelation, a portion of which is read this year on every Sunday of Easter, we hear today the description of the gathering of all the redeemed. Their white robes are the sign that they have been baptized, for in earlier times the newly baptized were clothed in white. This custom is preserved in many places with christening gowns. The redeemed rejoice, for Christ is in their midst as the Good Shepherd.

Our reading from Acts today describes the ongoing work of the risen Christ through the church. Peter raises Tabitha from death. The great excitement which the early Christians felt was their discovery that Jesus continues to live in his faithful people.

As in John's vision of the heavenly worship so in our Eucharistic gathering Christ the Good Shepherd stands in our midst leading us to the springs of the water of life.

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