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# Morning Prayer The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B, April 21, 2024

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! We are glad you are here. If you are online, please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. If you are online reading a lesson, or offering an intercession or thanksgiving during the prayers, please unmute yourself; then re-mute.

Music is in this bulletin, and may be taken from The Hymnal 1982; Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP); Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS II); Voices Found (VF); and My Heart Sings Out (MHSO).

#### Prelude

#### **Opening Hymn**

Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal 518





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# **Opening Sentence**

Officiant

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Corinthians 5:17

#### **Confession of Sin**

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant 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 Officiant says

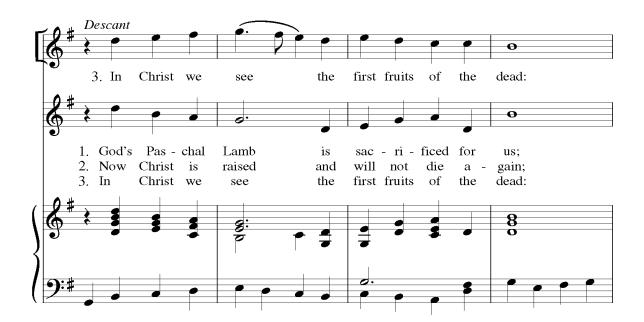
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen*.

# The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People O come let us worship. Alleluia.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.







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Psalm 23 Dominus regit me

All say

- 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.

#### The Lessons

#### First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

**Lector:** A reading from the book of Acts

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."

**Lector:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

# A Song of Wisdom

Sapientia liberavit

Said in Unison with Officiant leading.

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors \* a holy people and a blameless race.

She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, \* withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.

To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, \* and led them by a marvelous way;

She was their shelter by day \* and a blaze of stars by night.

She brought them across the Red Sea, \* she led them through mighty waters;

But their enemies she swallowed in the waves \* and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.

And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, \* and praised with one voice your protecting hand;

For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, \* and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

## Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Lector: A reading from First 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.

**Lector:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

# A Song of Faith

Said in Unison with Officiant leading

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,\* by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \* we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us \* was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, \* the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \* so that we might have faith and hope in God.

#### Gospel: John 10:11-18

(In Morning Prayer, all remain seated while the Gospel is read by a layperson.)

**Lector:** A reading from the Gospel according to John

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."

**Lector:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

**Sermon** Diane Rooney

#### The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, standing as able

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

#### The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

## Officiant and People

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.

# **Suffrages**

- V. Help us, O God our Savior;
- R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
- V. Look upon your congregation;
- R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
- V. Declare your glory among the nations;
- R. And your wonders among all peoples.
- V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
- R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
- V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
- R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
- V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
- R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

# The Collect of the Day

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*.

#### A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

# A Collect for the Human Family

Said in unison

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### A Collect for Mission

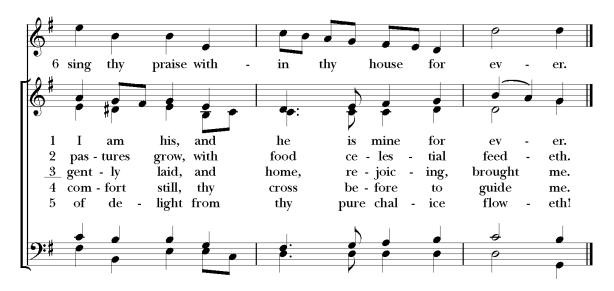
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

## Office/Offertory Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is

Hymnal 646, stanzas 1-2 and 5-6 only





6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

# **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

We remember St. John the Baptist Church in Hardwick in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and The Anglican Church of Australia in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

We give thanks for all who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week, especially those we now name...

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers, especially those we now name...

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially those we now name...

I invite your additional prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at this time.

## **Concluding Collect**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth: mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* 

#### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant and People say together

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

#### **Dismissal**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

#### **Concluding Sentence**

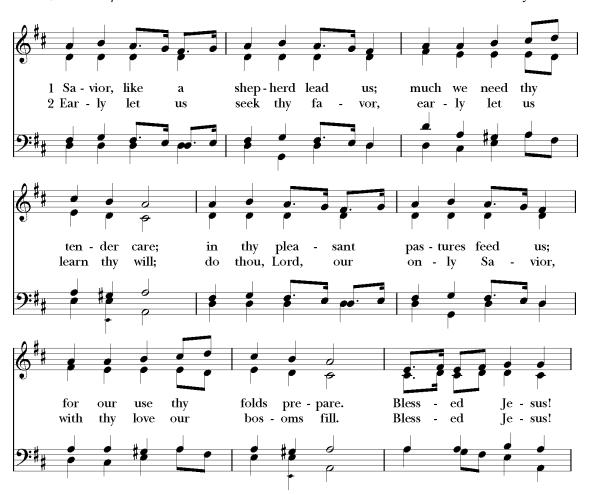
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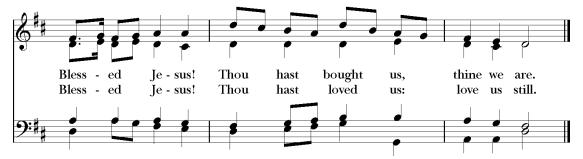
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen*Ephesians 3:20,21

# **Sending Hymn**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymnal 708





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## **Postlude**

#### **Announcements**