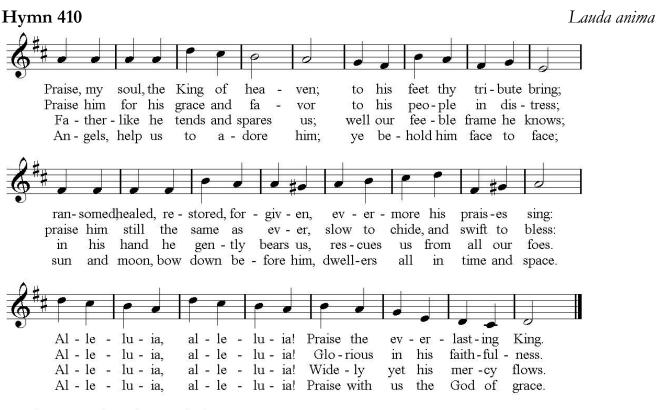
The Holy Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024



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Adagio, from "Sonata No. 2", Felix Mendelssohn Andante tranquillo, from "Sonata No. 3", Felix Mendelssohn



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt. Music: Lauda anima John Goss (1800-1880)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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CelebrantAlleluia! Christ is risen!PeopleChrist is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.**

Gloria in excelsis

S 278, William Mathias







CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.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.**

The people are seated.

Anthem (Carol Choir)

The Lord Is My Rock, Dorothy Christopherson

4:5-12

Come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. O, come let us sing to the Lord. The Lord is my rock in whom I take refuge, the horn of my salvation. I call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, my rock, my shield, and my salvation. Come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. O, come let us sing to the Lord.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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."

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

3:16-24

1 The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

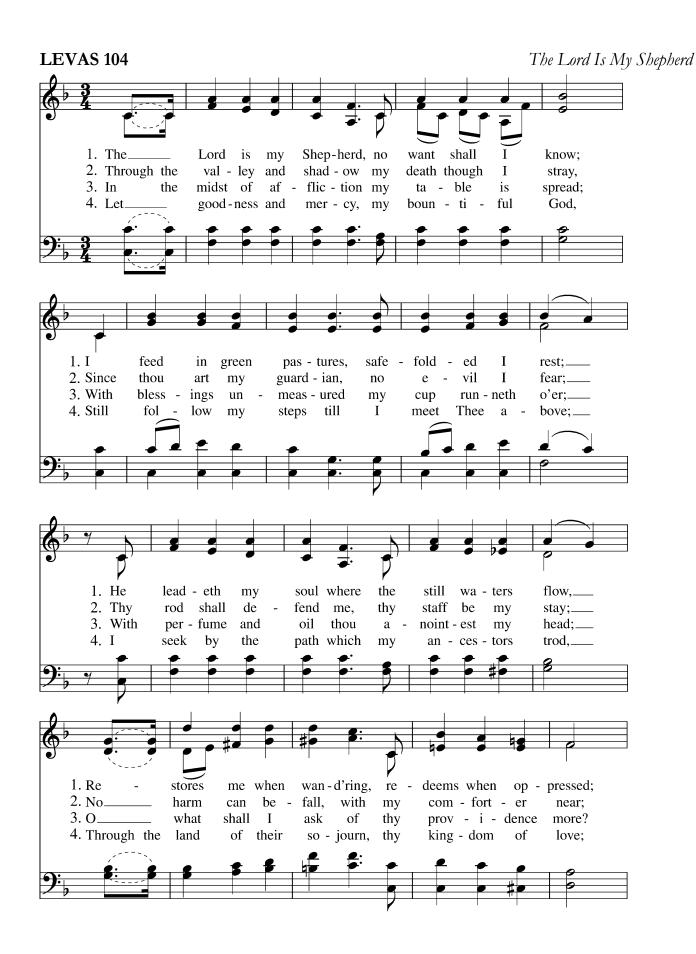
Psalm 23

- 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.

A reading from the first letter of 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.

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





Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: Thomas Koschat (1845-1914).

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 10:11-18

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

The Rev. Emily Mellott

Book of Common Prayer, page 358

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

In joy and hope let us pray to receive and share the gifts of life given through the risen Christ.

May our risen Savior fill us and all God's people with the joy of his glorious and lifegiving resurrection. Let the people say, **Amen.**

May the risen Christ bring peace to the earth, and wisdom to all who lead the nations; that war, famine, and epidemic may cease. Let the people say, **Amen**.

May all who are isolated, afflicted, persecuted, or living in fear find renewal and strength in the good news of Easter. Let the people say, **Amen**.

May God provide daily bread and abundant life for all who need food, work or shelter, and inspire us to serve our neighbors. Let the people say, **Amen**.

May broken hearts be made whole, and our communities renewed, in the victory of life over death through the risen Christ. Let the people say, **Amen**.

May the light of the risen Christ comfort and strengthen all who are ill, injured, or dying, and sustain all who care for the sick and the vulnerable. Let the people say, **Amen**.

May all who have died in the faith of the resurrection be raised with Christ, according to his promises. Let the people say, **Amen.**

May Christ send the power of the Holy Spirit upon God's people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection day by day. Let the people say, **Amen**.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

In the Easter season, the Confession is omitted in celebration of our freedom from the bondage of sin brought about through Christ's resurrection.

Exchange of Peace

The Celebrant says to the peopleThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements may be made about matters of interest to the congregation

At 8 a.m. there is a collection plate near the entrance to make your weekly gift or regular pledge offering.

At 10 a.m., a collection of financial gifts for the work of the church is received during the singing of the anthem.

Or, at either service, scan the QR code to make a gift electronically.



Offertory Anthem

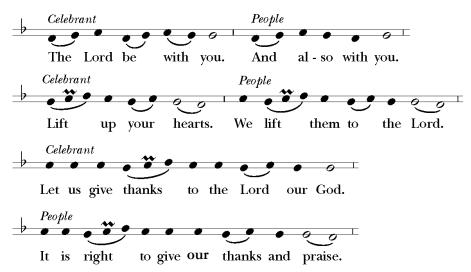
The Lord Is My Shepherd, Vernon Williams

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 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.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

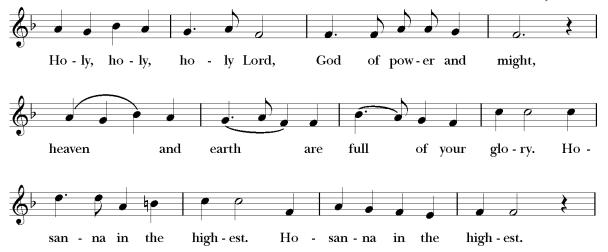
Eucharistic Prayer 3 (said at 8:00 a.m., sung at 10:00 a.m.)

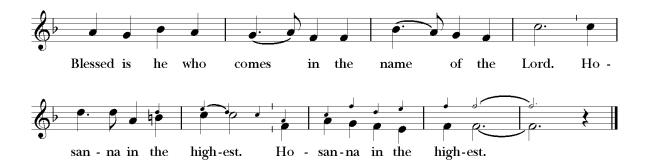
From <u>Enriching Our Worship</u>



All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

S 125, Richard Proulx





The Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

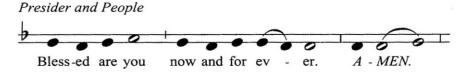
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then says Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says: The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Those worshipping remotely are invited to offer a prayer for "spiritual communion", printed below.

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.

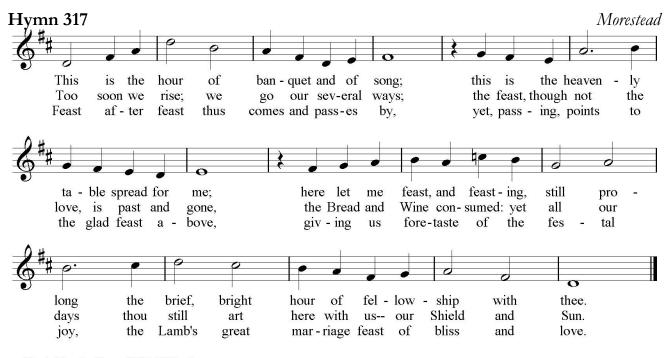
Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

(From <u>Saint Augustine's Prayer Book</u>, rev 2014., based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

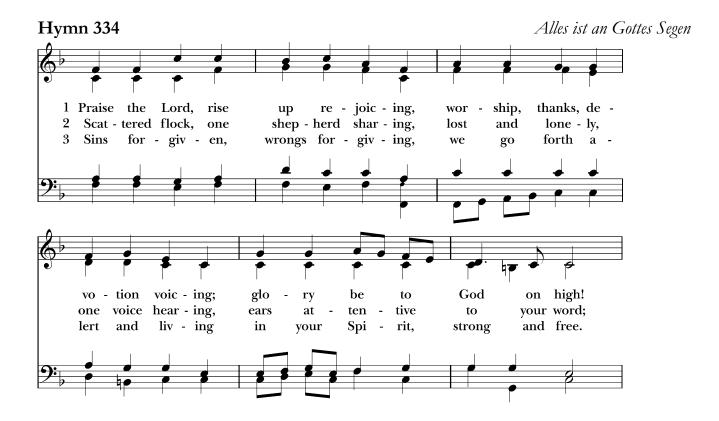
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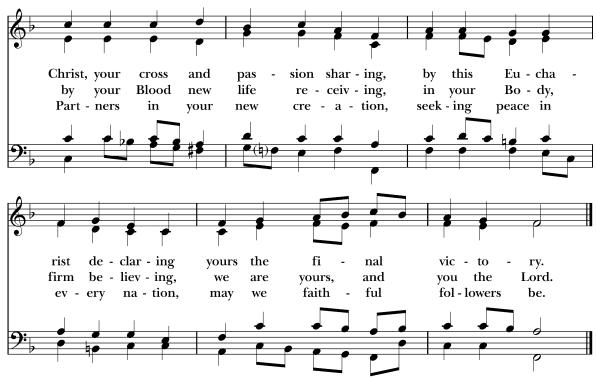
Voluntary

Petit Prelude, Joseph Jongen

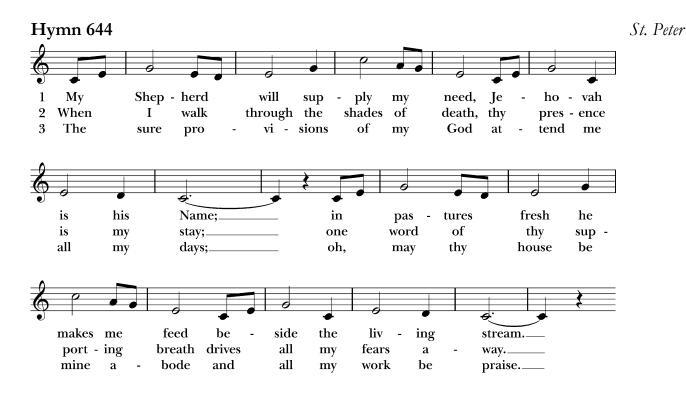


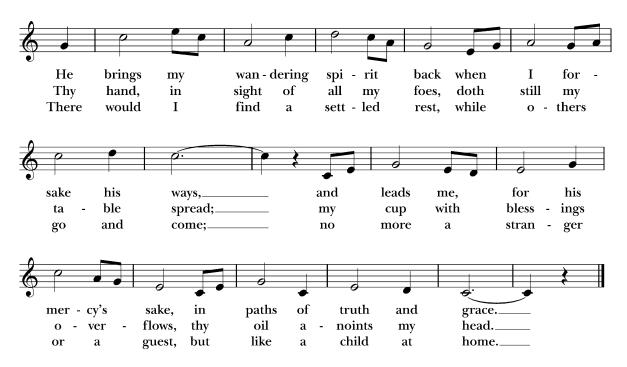
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Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: Resignation, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

Post communion prayer

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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 offers a blessing, and the people respond. Amen.



Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).

The Dismissal

The people are dismissed to go forth into the world.PeopleThanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



Wendy Carber, Priscilla Knapp, Gayle Celentano, Altar Guild Joan Willett, Susan Wojcik, Flower Guild
Sarah Fawcett-Lee (8); Lisa Yeh, Kiersten Naugle (10), Lectors Bill McBride (8); Jeff Wojcik (10), Ushers
Jasmine Declet, Linda Ralls (8); Lorraine Ryan, Kristina Van Name (10), Chalice Bearers Patrick Louie, Connor Van Name (10), Acolytes Bob Litsinger (10), Tech Guild Vernon Williams, Music Director The Rev. Emily Mellott, Celebrant & Preacher