

# Morning Prayer

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Prelude

Rhosymedre, Ralph Vaughan Williams

The prelude offers the opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.  
Please help keep the church a quiet and worshipful space during the prelude.

Hymn 390

Lobe den Herren

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

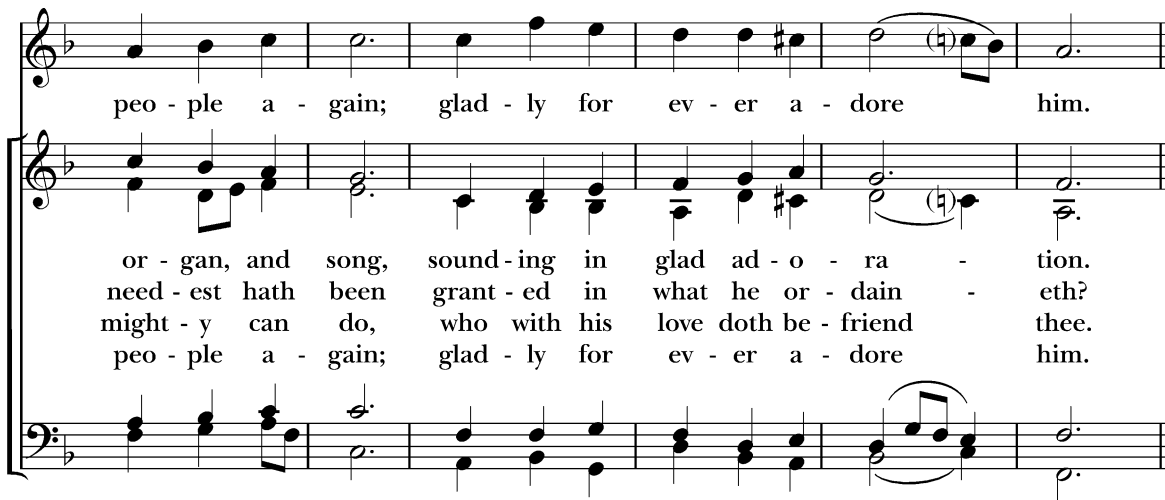
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound — from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.  
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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*The service begins with the Easter greeting and one or more of sentences of Scripture.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Book of Common Prayer, page 80*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

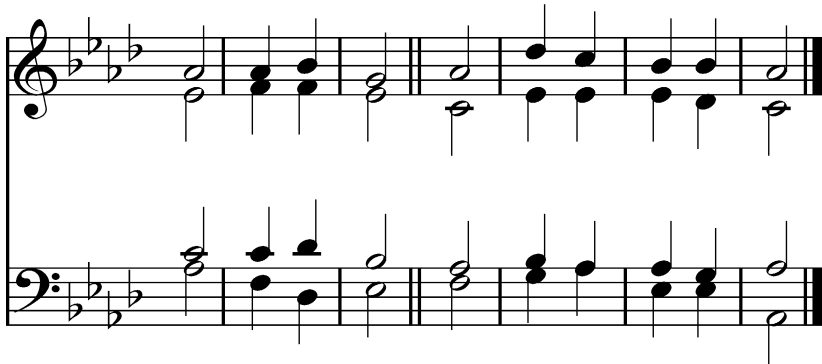
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Invitatory:** *Pascha nostrum*

*(1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22)*

*Book of Common Prayer, p 83*

**S 47**, William Henry Walter



- 1 Alleluia, alleluia. \*  
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 2 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,
- 3 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 4 Alleluia, alleluia. \*  
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.
- 6 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 8 Alleluia, alleluia. \*  
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 9 Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 10 For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
- 11 For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 12 Alleluia, alleluia. \*  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*(Gloria Patri may be added)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be forever. Amen. [Ant.]

*The people are seated.*

## Psalm 23

*Book of Common Prayer, page 612*

- 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.**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle M: A Song of Faith**

*Enriching Our Worship*  
*1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-21*

**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..**

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

## **A reading from the first letter of Peter**

2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Choir Canticle:**

*Dignus es*

Donald Pearson

Splendor and honor and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God, for you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and have their being; and yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your blood you have redeemed for God, from every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God. And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, for ever and for evermore.

*The people are seated for all readings at Morning Prayer.*

## **A reading from the Gospel of John**

10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Hymn 551

*Festal Song*

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,  
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

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Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893)

## The Sermon

The Reverend Emily Mellott

## The Apostles' Creed

*Book of Common Prayer, page 96*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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

*Officiant:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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.**

### **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

*Our prayers for today were written with the help of our friends in the Blue and Yellow Rooms of Trinity Preschool, and are led by Mrs. Andonie, Preschool Director*

Dear God, we pray to say thank you and to ask for your help.

Thank you, God, for our school, and for our teachers. Please help us with learning to share, and to be kind, and give us help when we don't know or understand something. Please help our teachers, too, when they are learning and teaching new things. Let the people say, **Amen.**

Thank you for our chapel, and for church, where we learn about you and sing and pray. Please help us to be good people, just like Jesus. Thank you for Jesus loving us, and helping us love each other. Let the people say, **Amen.**

Thank you for all the people who help our country and our cities. Thank you for ambulances and police and fire fighters and crossing guards and mail carriers. Please help the President and all the people in charge in our country to make good decisions, give good instructions to others, to keep us safe, and to help people. Let the people say, **Amen.**

Thank you for our families: for moms and dads and sisters and brothers and grandparents and pets. Please keep them all safe and healthy. Please help us learn to share, to help our sisters and brothers when they cry, and help our parents take care of their kids. Let the people say, **Amen.**

Thank you for doctors and dentists and moms and dads who give us care when we get sick or hurt and have boo-boos. Help us know when to ask for help when we feel sick. Thank you for pills and cough medicine and soup and chocolate milk and resting all the other things that help us feel better, and thank you when you help people get better and not die. Let the people say, **Amen.**

Thank you for Jesus who died and was alive again and went to heaven. Please help all the people who die go to heaven with Jesus, and help us and everyone who is sad when someone dies. Let the people say, **Amen.**

Thank you for all the things you give us, and all the help you give us. Thank you for friends to build towers with, and help us to remember not to climb the towers and fall down. Please help keep us safe on adventures and every day. Please help us with our big feelings like anger and sadness and disappointment. And please help people who hide their light under a bushel so they let their light shine. Let the people say, **Amen.**

Thank you for nice weather and for snowballs and sledding and snowmen and fun in the snow. Thank you for cars and new toys and games and water bottles, and for birthdays and Christmas and Halloween and all the holidays. Thank you for food, for cherries and broccoli and watermelon and grapes and apples and carrots and all our fruits and vegetables. Thank you for honey and the bees who make it. Thank you for the present. Let the people say, **Amen.**

*The priest adds a concluding prayer.*

### **Exchange of Peace**

*Then the Officiant says to the people:*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And 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*

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## Offertory Anthem

*The Lord Is My Shepherd from "Requiem", 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.

## Hymn at the Presentation

*Old Hundredth*

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

## CONCLUDING PRAYERS AND SENDING FORTH

### The General Thanksgiving

*Book of Common Prayer, page 101*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts  
we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

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.**

**Benediction**

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*

**Hymn 544**

*Duke Street*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793)

**The Dismissal**

*The people are dismissed to go forth into the world.*

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

**Postlude**

*Tuba Tune in D Major, Craig Sellar Lang*



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Carolyn Weeks, Jasmine Declet, Gayle Celentano, Inez Tokashiki, *Altar Guild*  
Jan Marcinkevich, Kisha Mann, *Flower Guild*  
Young at Heart Guinea Pigs, *Hospitality*  
Peter Knerr, Aaron Smith, *Lectors*  
Christine Andonie, *Intercessor*  
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