



THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING—ARVADA, COLORADO

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO
APRIL 21, 2024, 9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Gathering Hymn

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Blue Hymnal 334

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing,
Glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this Eucharist declaring
Yours the final victory.

Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
Ears attentive to your word;
By your Blood new life receiving, in your Body, firm believing,
We are yours, and you the Lord.

Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving, we go forth alert and living
In your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation, seeking peace in every nation,
May we faithful followers be.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

Blue Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

BCP 225

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 Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

Reader: 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (read responsively by half verse)

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 Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

Reader: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is *vss 1,2,5,6 only*

Blue Hymnal 645

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.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy 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.

Gospel

John 10:11-18

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Austin Leininger

Nicene Creed

BCP 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

Earth Day Prayers of the People

Intercessor: All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. As we celebrate Earth Day and the splendor of all that you have made and given us, we give thanks to you for your creation where we seek for you this and every day, and for being wonderfully made. We raise up our prayers for your church; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kym our Bishop, Austin, our Rector, and for all lay and ordained leaders, that we may all work together to honor this fragile earth, our Island Home. (*Silence*)

Intercessor: All nurturing God, You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. We ask for the grace to see creation as you do – in all its splendor and suffering. Help us to see the beauty

of creation and to hear the cries of the earth and the poor. We pray for our nation and all the nations of the world, that our leaders might work together toward justice, equity, and peace. *(Silence)*

Intercessor: O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Grant us the grace to look closely to see how our life choices impact your good creation, as well as the poor and vulnerable. Help us turn away from the throwaway culture that casts off both people on the margins and our natural resources, and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor. We pray for the welfare of this living and intricately interconnected world around us, that we might live in harmony. *(Silence)*

Intercessor: O God of reconciliation and care, bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth, and grant us the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation. We pray for the needs of our local community, recognizing that justice, healing, and care begins and is needed even right here at home. *(Silence)*

Intercessor: Relational God, teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. Grant us the grace to reconcile our relationship with you, with creation, with humanity, and to stand in solidarity through our actions; that we might better care for both the hurting earth around us as well as those around us in need. We pray for the sick and suffering, and those in any kind of trouble. *(Silence)*

Intercessor: Blessing God, we thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. We offer our prayers of thanksgivings, for the blessings of our lives and hearts. *(Silence)*

Intercessor: Eternal God, as we pray for the earth and the vulnerable in our society, we remember also those who have died—the countless species of life that will never again be seen in our midst, as well as those we love and whom we no longer see. We pray for those who have died. *(Silence)*

Concluding Collect

Presider: God of all life, we lift up our prayers to you, trusting in your goodness to bless your sacred creation both through us and in spite of us. Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

Shepherd of Souls

Blue Hymnal 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine, thy Body and thy Blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

BCP 372

Blue Hymnal S-120

Celebrant: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Yellow CTK Songbook 3s

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant continues: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Memorial Acclamation

Blue Hymnal S-140

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant continues: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lords Prayer

Yellow CTK Songbook 5s

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 forever. Amen. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

Blue Hymnal S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

The wine is administered from either the main chalice or the gluten-free (GF) chalice. Standard reception is to take a sip from the cup. If you do not wish to sip from the cup, you may intinct (instructions to follow), or you may cross your arms over your chest to signify you do not wish to receive the cup (or you may always leave the rail before the cup comes to you). Remember that communion in one part is still full communion. If you wish to intinct (dip your wafer in the wine), leave your wafer in the open palm of your hand. The chalice minister (with a gloved hand) will intinct your wafer for you and return it to your open palm. GF wafer and chalice are available—let the celebrant (priest) know at the communion rail.

Communion Hymns

One Bread, One Body

Yellow CTK Songbook 116

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more *(refrain)*

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *(refrain)*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. *(refrain)*

I've Got Peace Like a River

Yellow CTK Songbook 86

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul;

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul;
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul;
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Blue Hymnal 518

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness hear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;
What they gain from thee, forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

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