

Throughout the 50 days of Easter, paraments in the chancel point us to the good news of Christ's resurrection. The lectern fall during this season announces our Lord's victory over sin and death with a symbol of his death and resurrection. By the cross, our Lord grants forgiveness, and through the empty tomb, Jesus is raised for our justification. This is God's glory and victory, for Christ now reigns over all things.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

We gather to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

P = Pastor **A** = Assisting Pastor **C** = Congregation **L** = Leader

Gathering Song

"Come and See"

Refrain

Come and see what God has done. The earth is a - live;
 thanks to the sun. Ev' - ry plant that grows ev' - ry ri - ver that flows what a
 mir - a - cle gift of cre - a - tion!

Verse

The song of a wren, the flight of a hawk, a ba - by's first bond with her
 Pon - der the vast - ness of the night sky. The dis - tance you see is a -
 Look at a seed, it knows what to do; new life will spring forth from its
 Peo - ple of Faith, Grace beck - ons you home to E - den in all of its
 moth - er; first flow - ers of spring a - rise and sing. The
 maz - ing. The light trav - els o - ver thou - sands of years be -
 fall - ing. And we as peo - ple of the Di - vine can
 splen - dor. Do you hear the call? Re - new the earth! With

to Refrain

world is filled with won - der!
 fore you see it star - gaz - ing.
 lis - ten as we know our call - ing.
 care now gar - den and tend her.

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand.

Invocation


A In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.


Opening Song

"Praise to You"

Refrain




Praise to you, O Great Cre - a - tor, Ma - ker of the land and sky.




Praise to you, O Liv - ing Wat - er, hope and breath of ev' - ry life.

Verse



We are lost and we are long-ing, wand'-ring in the wild - er - ness,
Hear the cries of all cre - a - tion, how the tears like ri - vers flow
May we live your way of jus-tice, may we walk your way of peace.

to Refrain



search - ing for your hol - y pres-ence and the rea - son we ex - ist.
for your touch of grace and heal - ing and the love that leads us home.
May we see your sac - red vi - sion, may we know your sweet re - lease.

Confession and Forgiveness

- A** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection.

- A** Let us confess our sin to God our Father. Most merciful God,
- C** we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- A** Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading Acts 4:5-12

NT page 114, pew Bible

- L** Word of God, Word of Life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

First Reading: Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

Psalm 23 *(read responsively)*

The Lord is my shepherd;
 I shall not be in want.
**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
 and leads me beside still waters.**
 You restore my soul, O Lord,
 and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
**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.**
 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading: *Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

NT page 230, pew Bible

- Word of God, Word of Life.
- Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Brenda Leiseth, *Children's and Youth Minister*

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Hal - le - lu jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.
 Hal - le - lu jah. Hal - le - lu jah.

Gospel Announcement

- The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: *In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

Gospel John 10:11-18 †

NT page 98, pew Bible

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Jason Burggraff

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day 502

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ST. COLUMBA

† Today's preaching text.

Nicene Creed: Early in its history, the Nicene Creed was spoken in worship when Holy Communion was celebrated. As weekly communion became the practice in Christian congregations, we now reserve this Creed for festival days and seasons—of which the Easter season is primary.

Nicene Creed

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Church

- A** Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Following each petition:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- A** Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

Please be seated.

Words of Institution: Hear Christ's words of promise spoken again "for you, for the forgiveness of your sin."

Offering

Song

"Giver of the Heartbeat"

Giv - er of the heart - beat,
 Lov - er of the un - clean,
 Sing - er of free - dom for the wound - ed you're the song of all
 life.
 We come blessed by your hand,
 We are long - ing for truth,
 O - pen our lives to hear
 tied to the pulse of the land.
 cour - age the word to un - wrap our fears.
 For all the breath of cre - a - tion we
 All of our hurts and our fail - ings we
 Free us to love all our neigh - bors we
 give thanks to you.
 bring them to you.
 pray this to you.

Please stand.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

- A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C** 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, forever and ever. Amen.
- A** Our risen Lord comes to us in the breaking of the bread with his body and blood, promising forgiveness and new life. Let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.
- C** This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!

Please be seated.

Communion: All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion

Song

"Shepherd Us, O Lord"

Here with you there is no want ing, ly - ing down in pas - tures green.
 Though we walk in shad-owed val - leys, we will not be held by fear.
 You pre - pare a won-drous ta - ble, fill our cups to ov - er - flow.

Lead - ing us be - side still wat - ers, souls re - stored and free. Shep-herd
 You bring peace and you give com - fort, you are al - ways here.
 With your good - ness and your mer - cy here for - ev - er - more.

us oh - Lord. Keep us safe from harm. Hold us
 close. Lead us home. Shep-herd us oh - Lord.

Song

"Here for You"

Rag - ged trav' - ler rest your feet. There is room for you.
 Wear - y fath - er rest your head. There is peace for you.
 Wound - ed sin - ner rest your soul. There is grace for you.

Wand' - ring child rest your fears. There is love for you. I'm here for
 Worn out moth - er rest your tears. There is hope for you.
 Share my bod - y and my blood. There is life for you.

you. I'm here for you.

*Please stand.***Blessing**

A The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven, the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, keep us steadfast in the promise and life-giving hope of your resurrection, that by the Holy Spirit we might testify to the power and grace of your work for us and all people.

C Amen.

Benediction

- P** May God who has brought us from death to life grant you faith to trust in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sending Hymn 856

"How Great Thou Art"

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Stanzas 1 and 4

Dismissal

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace in the freedom of the risen Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Welcome to Worship

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