



# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

## *Promised Resurrection* Here & Now

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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*You are invited to light a candle  
as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*



### Gathering Music

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

-Baker/Irish Tune

### Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are raised with him into resurrection life, here and now.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

**for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the wilderness you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way through the wilderness, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life, resurrection life, here and now.**

We praise you for your salvation through water, for Baptismal water, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the resurrection life only you can give, here and now. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Sharing God's Peace

The Peace of the risen Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

Red ELW 857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

## Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song*

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## Special Music

Psalm 23

- Townend

## New Testament Reading

**Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

# Message

## Apostles' Creed

**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 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.**

## Prayers

Red ELW 178

Sung before all prayers

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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## Blessing

May God bless you and keep you.  
May God's face shine on you and be gracious unto you.  
May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, +Son and Holy Spirit.  
And all God's children said, **Amen.**

## Sending Song

### *We Bow Down*

**You are Lord of creation And Lord of my life  
Lord of the land and the sea  
You were Lord of the heavens Before there was time  
And Lord of all lords You will be**

### *Chorus*

**We bow down And we worship You Lord  
We bow down And we worship You Lord  
We bow down And we worship You Lord  
Lord of all lords You will be**

**You are King of creation And King of my life  
King of the land and the sea  
You were King of the heavens Before there was time  
And King of all kings You will be** *Chorus*

## Sending

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news of the promised resurrection –  
here and now. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude



### **Participants**

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Reader: Gavin Tomlinson
- Musicians: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues, Linda TeKrony, KarenNovess