

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

9:15 am



An Order for Holy Eucharist
Trinity Church, Swarthmore

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

~Psalm 23:1

Welcome! This service is meant to be especially suitable for children and their friends, of any age. There is room in it for interaction and play, as well as unplanned sounds and events! Upon entering, children are invited to **take a plain “Prayer Card” and write or draw a prayer or thanksgiving**, which will be shared with all by the priest during the service. We encourage older persons to help younger persons with **reading (or memorizing) the words in bold**.

Within the rubrics of “An Order for Eucharist” in our Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, the form for worship for this service has been adapted from the “Eucharist for Creation and Redemption,” A New Zealand Prayer Book, pp. 467-473.

This service **is not** livestreamed or recorded.

The Ministry of Word and Prayer

The People Gather

All standing, the presiding priest or minister says

Opening Acclamation

Presider Glory to you, O God,
People **who gives us the Way of life in Christ.**

Song of Praise “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing” *Hymnal 1982 #205 vv. 1,3,4*

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| <p>1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3. Praise we in songs of victory,
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
| <p>4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord,
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | |

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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 congregation sits.

The Proclamation

From the Epistles

1 John 3:16-24

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Song

“God’s not dead”

Children’s song

Refrain:

God's not dead; (No!) he is alive.

God's not dead; (No!) he is alive.

God's not dead; (No!) he is alive.

I know he's living in me.

I see him in my hands,

I see him in my feet.

I see him in the air,

I see him ev'rywhere.

I see him at the church,

I see him on the street,

and I know he's living in me.

No, no, no, no, no, no, no,

no, no, no, no, no, no, no. Repeat Refrain

Gospel Proclamation

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ, according to John.

John 10:11-18

Glory to you, O 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Children are invited forward for a children’s message. Children are then asked to return to their seats to continue working on their Prayer Cards.

We Respond to the Good News

Affirmation of Faith

The 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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 of the People

(ANZPB, pp. 413-414)

Children are invited to bring forward their Prayer Cards to be shared at the beginning of our prayers. We then enter into a litany of prayer, as follows.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in trust we pray for the Church:

Father, help us to know new life in the risen Christ.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead all people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care for its resources.

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Help us have your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Comfort those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for (N and) all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts,

your truth in our minds,

your strength in our wills;

until, at the end of our journey,

we know the joy of our homecoming

**and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sharing in Christ's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace. Announcements follow.

The Ministry of the Lord's Table: Holy Communion

In this community, all are welcome at the Lord's table, the altar. All are invited to come forward during the Song of Offering, following the gifts as they are brought to the table to consecration.

All who are drawn to God in the way of Christ are welcome to receive the Host. Directions for receiving are found after the Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread.

Song of Offering

"The King of love my shepherd is"

Hymnal 1982 #645 vv. 1-3

1. **The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.**

2. **Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.**

3. **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing brought me.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(standing)*

This Great Thanksgiving is adapted for children this Easter season from various sources: "Thanksgiving of the People of God," ANZPB pp. 422-423; EOW, Prayer 1)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is our joy and salvation, holy, everliving God,
always and everywhere to give you thanks through
Jesus Christ.

For You are the source of life and goodness.
Through your eternal Word you have created all
things from the beginning and formed us in your
own image.

Now, in the power of endless life

Christ is risen from the grave.

His death has broken death
and opened for us the new and living way.

Christ is now our peace,
our freedom and our joy.

And so, we join with the angels and all the
company of heaven as we sing:

(Sung to "Land of Rest")

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

**Hosannah in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosannah in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we ask You, Holy One of blessing, be among us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ was promised,
Christ is born,
Christ will be with us again.**

We celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer to you through Christ. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the

On receiving Communion – To receive the receive the bread, which is considered full participation in the sacrament of Holy Communion, please come to the rail and stand or kneel. Wine is available from the chalice or in individual serving cups. If you would prefer a priestly blessing without receiving the bread, please place your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are also available upon request at the rail.

Song during Communion

“One bread, one body”

LEVAS #151

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.**

1. **Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
Woman or man no more.**

Spirit’s grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessed are You, now and forever. Amen.

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

**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 ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Refrain

2. **Many the gifts,
Many the works,
One in the Lord of all.**

Refrain

3. **Grain for the fields,
Scattered and grown,
Gathered to one for all.**

Refrain

Prayer After Communion

Creator of all, giver of life,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son and brought us home.

Born into the world, living among us,
dying and yet alive again,
he declared your love, gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

A blessing may be given.

Sending Hymn

"We're marching to Zion"

LEVAS #12 vv. 1&4

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| <p>1. Come we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.</p> | <p>4. Then let our songs abound,
And ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.</p> |
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Refrain

Refrain: **We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion,
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.**

The congregation is sent out with these words

Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All are invited...

to join the various programs and discussions as outlined in the announcements. Today, please join in the refreshments and activities for children and adults following this service.

Serving this morning:

Director of Music
Altar Guild
Family of the Week
Verger
Chalice bearers

Jared Agee
Kristin Cardi, Tom Izbicki, Gale Donoghue

AnnMarie Stanton
Kristine Golden, Rich Englebach
Fr. Ted, preaching and presiding

Vestry Members and Officers

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