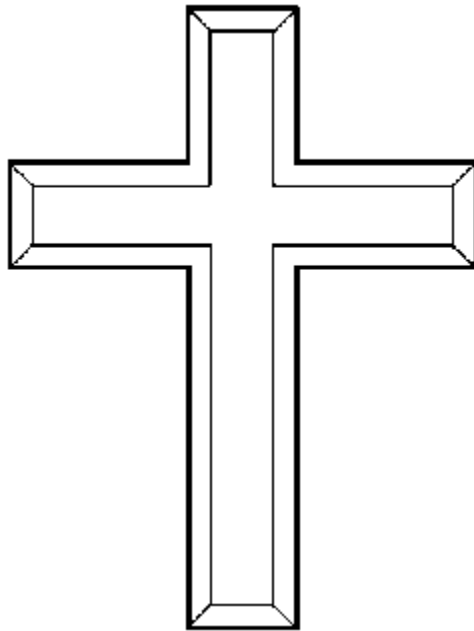


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The Fourth Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer

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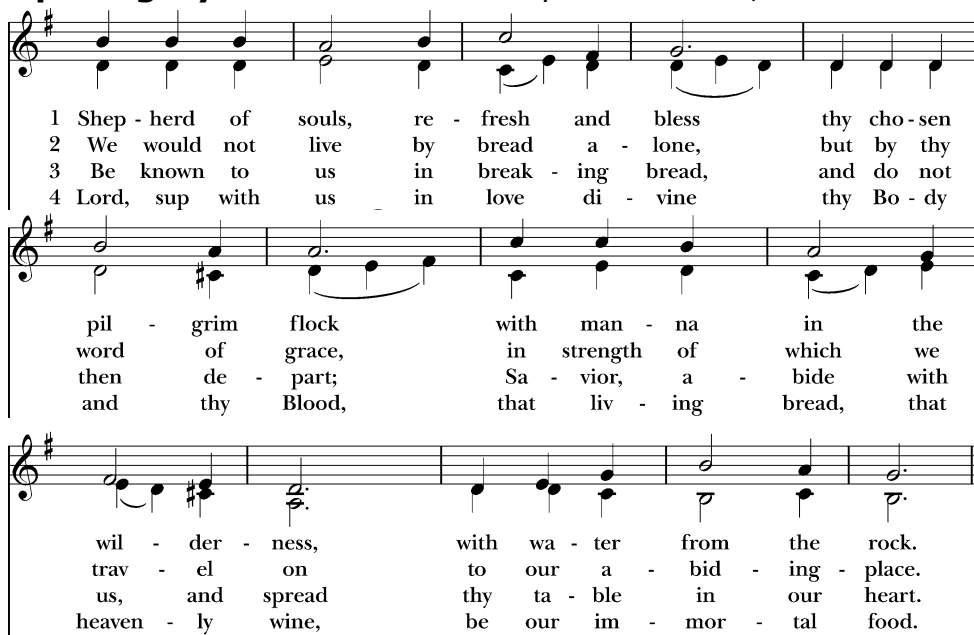
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Gathering of the People

Prelude *Reckless Love* Culver, Asbury, Jackson

Opening Hymn H 343 *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*



1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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Opening Acclamation (from BCP and A Celtic Primer)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant Siblings in Christ, be joyful, and keep your faith and belief, and do the little things which you have heard and seen with me.

People **O God, your name is blessed from the rising of the sun to its setting; fill our hearts with knowledge of yourself and our mouths with your praise, that from East to West all may sing your glory, with one voice and accord, in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Praise

People **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly ruler,
almighty God and Creator,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Creator,
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 God:
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 Creator. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God 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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

A Reading from Acts

Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Recited responsively by whole verse. The reader leads off, and congregation responds with the bold verses.

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 Letters

1 John 3:16-24

A reading from first 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn MHSO 91 'Sanna

We will sing the hymn once before the gospel and once after.

'San-na,* san-na - ni - na, san - na, san - na, san - na, _____

_____ san - na, san-na, san - na, san - na - ni - na,

san - na, san - na san - na. _____ San

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Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

Deacon 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.”

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev Dcn Clede Smartt

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn Instrumental

Nicene Creed

**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,
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 People (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions aloud in the room, or in the chat on Zoom.

Celebrant God of new life, we give praise for the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus, and
for the moments of surprising grace we have experienced which take part in
your divine story. Give us mindful hearts to perceive the blessings of your
love at all times and in all places. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *Stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

All **Most merciful God,**
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Peace is exchanged with one another.

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Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught us, we now pray,

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Final Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth,
and sent your blessed Son to preach peace
to those who are far off and to those who are near:
Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you;
bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh;
and hasten the coming of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of Blessing

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
Whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us,
Strengthen us all to be Christ's hands and heart in this world.
May the wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God,
Bless us and those we love and pray for this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn WLP 801

God be with you till we meet again

Unison *Harmony*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with the sheep se - cure - ly fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dail - y man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put strong arms un - fail - ing round you:
 float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.

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Going into the World

Deacon Let us go forth in the power of the Resurrection. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! ALLELUIA!**

Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.
All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Ministers of Today's Service
 Reader 1: Many of our volunteers are on a visit
 Reader 2: to The Cathedral Church of St. Paul
 Prayer: **Please let Cleda know if you are**
 Greeter/Usher: **able to help serve today.**
 Zoom Host: We need more Zoom host volunteers!

Altar Guild
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