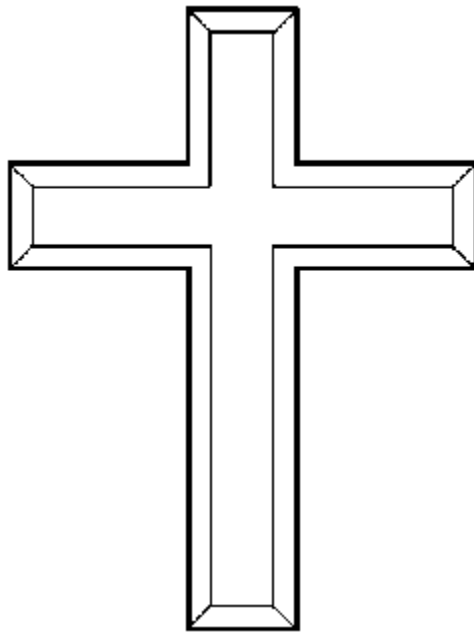


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Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed!



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Gathering of the People

Prelude

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Arr. Keveren

Opening Hymn VF 72

Mothering God

1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form,
 3 Moth - er - ing Spi - rit, nur - tur - ing one,

in the bright morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of
 of - fer - ing me your food of light, grain of life, and
 in arms of pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I

ev - 'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 root and grow un - til I flow - er, un - til I know.

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Opening Acclamation (A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

People

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives,
 recovery of sight to the blind and liberty for those who are
 oppressed.**

Celebrant 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 MHSO 20 (2x) *Celtic Alleluia*



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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.

Hebrew Scriptures

Acts 9:36-43

Reader A Reading from the book of Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing, that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

We will be chanting the psalms using Anglican psalm tones. In each line, the note changes at the "/" mark. Listen until you get the idea and then jump in when ready!



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- 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.

New Testament

Revelation 7:9-17

Reader A reading from the book of Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn EOM2 94 Opening Acclamation Easter

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

Celebrant *People*
Al-le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en. The Lord is ris-en in-deed.
Celebrant *People*
— Al-le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en. The Lord is ris-en in-deed.
All
— Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The
Lord is ris - en in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
- lu - ia. The Lord is ris - en in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Holy Gospel

John 10:22-30

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Ian Reed Twiss

Creed (by Susan Bock)

**We believe in God, the Creator,
who made the heavens and the earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's beloved Son, our brother and savior,
who was born of the Holy Spirit and the woman Mary.
He was crucified, died, and was buried,
but, on the third day, he rose from death
and returned to the heart of God
from where he reigns in eternal love.**

**He will come again to gather
the whole world home to that love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
in one healed and united Church,
in the forgiveness of all sins,
and in eternal life for us all. 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 typed 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 abundant 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.**

The Peace

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

The Peace is exchanged with one another.

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn VF 100 *Be a shepherd for my flock*

The hymn is sung while the Deacon sets the table.

Refrain C G F C

Be a shep - herd for my flock. Feed them rich - ly on my word.

F Em Dm C *Fine*

Show them shel - ter in the storm, for I call you to serve.

Verses C G F G

1 With a mo - ther's ten - der love, care for all who need to hear
 2 To the blind - ed bring my light, to the wea - ry my rest,
 3 Take my mes - sage to the world. Keep the sto - ries ev - er new.

C Em Dm *D.C al Fine*
G

they can run in - to my arms. Ease ev - ery fear.
 to the poor a - bun - dant life for - ev - er blest.
 Sing my truth, dance my joy. I'll car - ry you.

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Communion Prayer (from Enriching Our Worship 3)

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus MHSO 38 *Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, God of power and
 might, _____ heaven_ and earth are full, _____ are full

of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -
 san - na in the high - - - est! Ho - san - na! Ho -
 san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
 "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
 "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done in love: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death.
 Rising, you restored our life.
 Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As Jesus has taught us, we now pray,

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem EOM1 38 *Lamb of God*

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy gifts for holy people.

The Communion of the People

No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. Please indicate if you do not want the wafer dipped in wine. The words of distribution are:

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Communion Music WOV 709 *Eat this bread, drink this cup*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Announcements & Blessing of Life Events

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Easter Blessing

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
Whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us,
Strengthen you 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 you and those you love and pray for this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending 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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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 a Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

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 Reader 1: Larry Jansen
 Reader 2: Rebecca McCormick
 Prayer: Jane Foote
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