

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 12, 2019

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.
Please silence all electronic device as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Iain Quinn
(b. 1973)

The Lord is risen indeed;
come let us adore him; Alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns! Christ is risen!
People: **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**
Minister: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 104**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Vast God, receiver of our sins and sorrows, assailant and conqueror of our deaths: at this Eastertide, we are ashamed of all within us and about us that is shallow and without hope. Still we yield to fear. Our hearts are troubled, our doubts are many. Transform us, we pray, by the steady promise of your forgiveness, that we may become a people alive in all times and places because we live to you, in whose name we pray.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

***EASTER CANTICLE**

Choir: Antiphon

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Congregation: Antiphon

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Congregation: Antiphon

***THE PEACE**

Minister: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By the work of your Holy Spirit among us, keep your church steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:36-43 (p. 128)

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy Word.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 23

Henry Walford Davies
(1869-1941)

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture,
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul,
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me;
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND LESSON

John 10:22-30 (p. 104)

Minister: Holy wisdom, holy Word.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Debby Kerner
(b. 1951)

Amen, praise the Lord.
Glory hallelujah, praise the Lord.
I'm gonna jump down, turn around, touch the ground and praise my Lord.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No man cometh unto the Father but by me.
I'm gonna jump down, turn around, touch the ground and praise my Lord.

Suffer ye the little children to come unto me
and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.
I'm gonna jump down, turn around, touch the ground and praise my Lord.

*After the anthem children through fifth grade
may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.*

SERMON

“The Love that Is Stronger than Death”

Ms. Jarvis

*“He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints
and widows, he showed her to be alive.”*

Acts 9:41

*HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," all cre - a - tion joins to say; raise your songs
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Christ has burst the gates of hell! Death in vain
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting? Dy - ing once,
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; made like him,

1. and tri - umphs high; sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply:
 2. for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise!
 3. he all doth save; where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
 4. like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies! } Al - le - lu - ia!

Alternative tune: EASTER HYMN, 312

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
 Praise to thee by both be given;
 Thee we greet triumphant now;
 Hail the Resurrection thou!
 Alleluia!

6. King of glory, soul of bliss
 everlasting life is this:
 thee to know, thy power to prove,
 thus to sing, and thus to love!
 Alleluia!

PRAYERS

Minister: The Lord be with you,
People: And with your spirit.
 Minister: Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us,
People: And grant us thy salvation.
 Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,
People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Philip Ledger
(b. 1937)

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
 keep thy lamb, in safety keep.
 Nothing can they power withstand.
 None can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee every day,
 gladly all thy will obey.
 Like thy blessed ones above,
 happy in thy perfect love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near.
 Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
 suffer not my steps to stray,
 from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,
 walking in thy steps below,
 till before my Father's throne,
 I shall know as I am known.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

LEADING WORSHIP: Cynthia A. Jarvis, Brian D. Russo, Austin Crenshaw Shelley, **MUSIC:** Gallery Choir; Daniel Spratlan, Conductor; Ken Lovett, Organist; Julie Bishop, Conductor Church School Sings

GREETERS: Elders: Katherine Magid and Jeffrey Podraza; Deacons: Linda Lipscomb and Emily Barth-Werner

USHERS: Michael Baughman, Team #2 Leader; Jill Bown, James Burns, Jason Jones and Barbara Olson

FLOWER GUILD: Susan Shuchat

***HYMN 119**

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

*Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
the loved ones of Lisa and Tom Butler.*

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

William Mathias
(1934-1992)

*Congregation standing

In Memoriam

Florence May Kleckner
November 1, 1914—May 4, 2019

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