

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 | 10:00AM

The Word of God

The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE

Dr. Miriam Hickman

ENTRANCE HYMN | *“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

H 400

All please stand as able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.

CANTICLE 12 | *“A Song of Creation”*

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Invocation

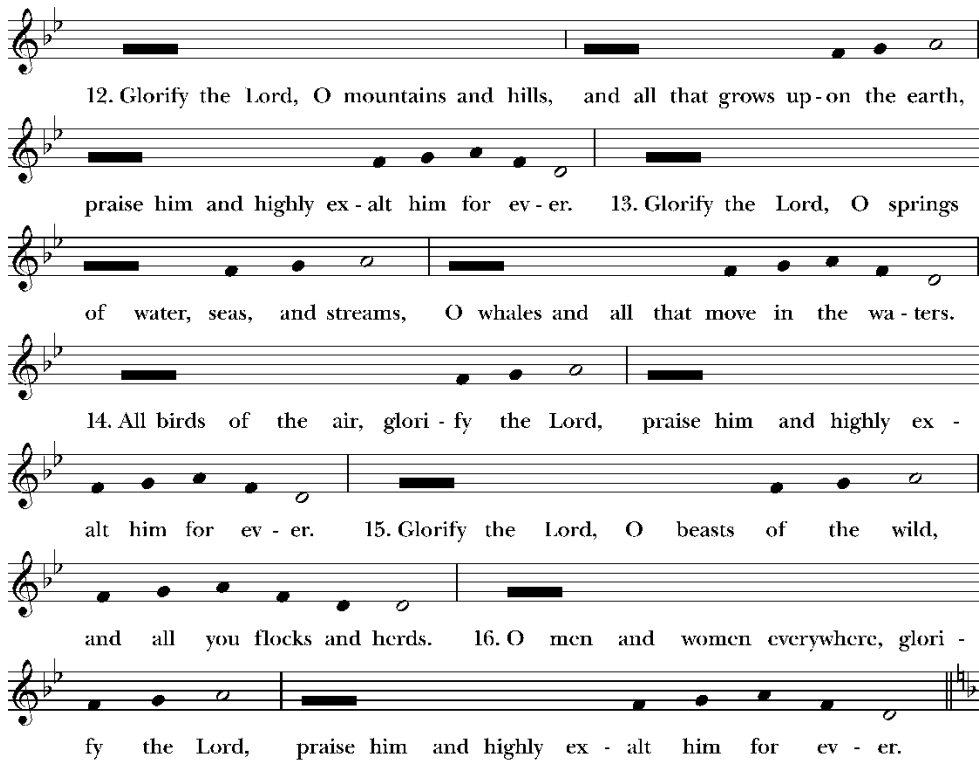
1. Glo - rify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise him and highly
exalt him for ev - er. 2. In the firmament of his pow - er,
glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ev - er.

I The Cosmic Order

3. Glo - ri - fy the Lord, you angels and all pow - ers of the Lord,
O heavens and all waters a - bove the hea - vens. 4. Sun and moon and
stars of the sky, glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ev -
er. 5. Glo - ri - fy the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew,
all winds and fire and heat. 6. Winter and summer, glo - ri - fy the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ev - er. 7. Glo - ri - fy the Lord,
O chill and cold, drops of dew and flakes of snow. 8. Frost and cold,
ice and sleet, glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him
for ev - er. 9. Glo - ri - fy the Lord, O nights and days,
O shining light and en - fold - ing dark. 10. Storm clouds and thunderbolts,
glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ev - er.

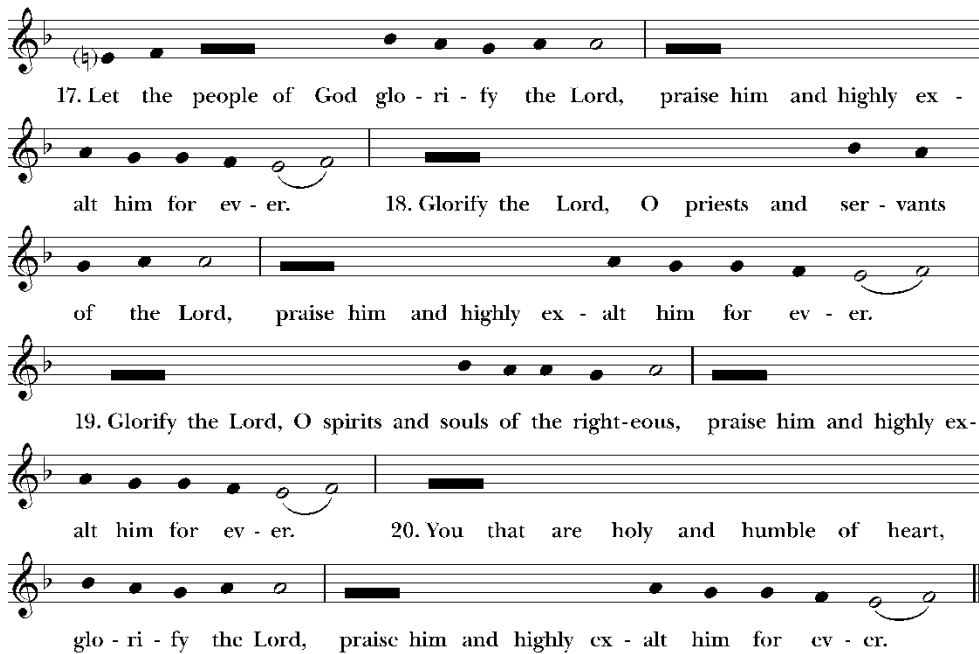
II The Earth and its Creatures

11. Let the earth glori-fy the Lord, praise him and highly ex-alt him for ev-er.



12. Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows up-on the earth,
 praise him and highly ex - alt him for ev - er. 13. Glorify the Lord, O springs
 of water, seas, and streams, O whales and all that move in the wa - ters.
 14. All birds of the air, glori - fy the Lord, praise him and highly ex -
 alt him for ev - er. 15. Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,
 and all you flocks and herds. 16. O men and women everywhere, glori -
 fy the Lord, praise him and highly ex - alt him for ev - er.

III The People of God



17. Let the people of God glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly ex -
 alt him for ev - er. 18. Glorify the Lord, O priests and ser - vants
 of the Lord, praise him and highly ex - alt him for ev - er.
 19. Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the right-eous, praise him and highly ex -
 alt him for ev - er. 20. You that are holy and humble of heart,
 glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly ex - alt him for ev - er.

Please stand as able for the psalm. The psalm will be sung in unison by all.

THE PSALM

Psalm 23



- 1 The ¹LORD is my ¹shepherd; *
I ¹shall not ¹be in ¹want.
- 2 He makes me lie ¹down in green ¹pastures *
and ¹leads me be ¹side still ¹waters.
- 3 He re ¹vives my ¹soul *
and guides me along right ¹pathways for his ¹Näme's ¹sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall ¹fear no ¹evil; *
for you are with me;
your ¹rod and your ¹staff, they ¹comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of ¹those who ¹trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my ¹cup is ¹running ¹over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the ¹days of my ¹life, *
and I will dwell in the ¹house of the ¹LORD for ¹ever.

Silence may follow.

SECOND READING

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

| *All please stand as able for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel reading.*

SEQUENCE HYMN | “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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THE 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: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

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All please stand as able for the Nicene Creed, spoken by all.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Deacon/Celebrant: Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands the responsibility for care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, “Merciful God, protect and sustain your planet and people.”

Leader: For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, protect and sustain your planet and people.

For the church throughout the world, for The Anglican Church of Australia, St Francis in the Valley – Green Valley, the Diocese of Western Mexico and the Episcopal Church in Navajoland; that you may inspire all in your Church to care for your planet, to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones, and to share the resources of the earth with all its inhabitants with love not limited by our ignorance, we pray:

Merciful God, protect and sustain your planet and people.

For Joseph our President, Katie our Governor, Corey our Mayor and all who shape public policies affecting this planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

Merciful God, protect and sustain your planet and people.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure. For the mineral and energy resources of the earth, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, protect and sustain your planet and people.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small; for those who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome; that we may see them all as beloved creatures of God and may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

Merciful God, protect and sustain your planet and people.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, especially Aaron, Bryan, Carey, Connie, Ellen & Richard, Jessie, Lori, Pauline, Tonya, and those we name either silently or aloud. For all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, we pray:

Merciful God, protect and sustain your planet and people.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, that they rest in peace, we pray:

Merciful God, protect and sustain your planet and people.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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| *All please stand as able for the Offertory Hymn. Remain standing as the gifts are brought forward.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (Thomson) Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN | “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” H 645

The people stand or kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues...

In the beginning, you spoke creation into being from the formless void, and you brought forth Day and Night and Sky and Earth and Sea. From the Sea you created living creatures and in the Sky you set birds to flight. From the Earth you called forth living creatures of every kind, finally speaking into being humankind and creating us in your image as female and male. You gave us charge over creation that we might share the same bountiful grace that you share with us. But we failed to honor the office of steward. Instead of treating your creation as a neighbor that is to be loved and cherished, we turned away from your goodness and violated your creation; we failed to see your goodness in ourselves and in each other, and we rejected your love. Yet, you never ceased loving us.

The Celebrant continues... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died,
 Christ is risen,
 Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues... All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN RESPONSE



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.


The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM | “Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus”

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This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All




Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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INVITATION

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God from God’s bountiful creation for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then deliver it to the people.

Instructions for Receiving Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Wait at the front of the pews until a space is available then approach the rail. If you require a gluten-free wafer, put one hand over your cupped hand so that the minister does not give you a regular wafer. If you wish to receive communion in both kinds, you are invited to drink from the common cup or dip your wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Dr. Miriam Hickman

COMMUNION HYMN | “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

When home communion for a member of the parish is requested, the following is said:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup. Amen.**

The people stand or kneel as able for the Post Communion Prayer.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN | *“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”*

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant/Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Dr. Miriam Hickman