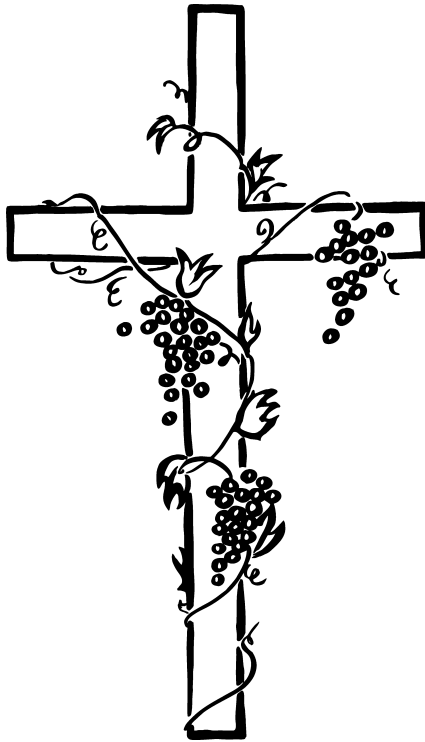


Easter Season

April 7—May 12, 2024



8:30am

Now the Feast and Celebration

Paschal Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome and Worship Announcements

Prelude

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all
we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us
with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.


Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:



God. A - men.

Canticle of Praise

"Now the Feast"

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of

to Refrain

God.

Verse 2 *Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
 might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
to Refrain
 for ev - er.

Verse 3 *Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
 make us peo - ple of God; to make
to Refrain
 all things new.

Salutation

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Readings and psalms are on pages 14-19 of this booklet.

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

at the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

*Hymns are in the red books in the pew racks,
and are listed by date in this bulletin.*

Hymn of the Day

**4/7: 635; 4/14: 522
4/21: 764; 4/28: 377
5/5: 708; 5/12: 655**

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 into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering

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Offertory Response

“As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst

2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.

Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.

Amen.

Dialogue

Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is our duty and delight
that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ
who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection
broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation,
and so with the church on earth,
all creation and the hosts of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation, and peace.

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for ev - er.

A - men.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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 forever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

First Communion Hymn

4/7: 481, 388; 4/14: 470, 388

4/21: 484, 388; 4/28: 474, 388

5/5: 496, 388; 5/12: 471, 388

Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Benediction

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

4/7: 384; 4/14: 366

4/21: 544; 4/28: 537

5/5: 836; 5/12: 826

Announcements and Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Second Sunday of Easter, April April 7, 2024

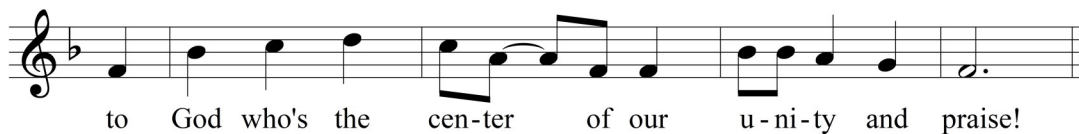
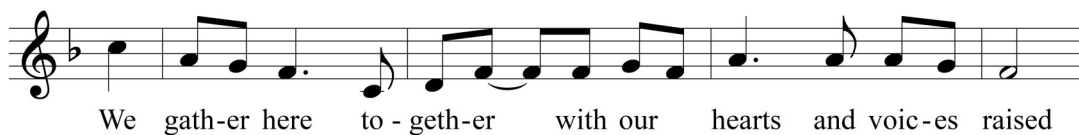
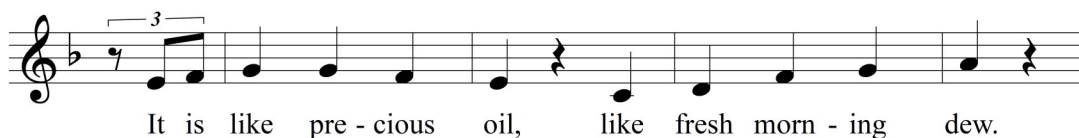
First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

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Psalm 133 paraphrase

Sung by all



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Second Reading

1 John 1:1–2:2

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Gospel

John 20:19-31

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

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Psalm 4

Congregation sings bold stanzas

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

²**You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.

⁴**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices
and put your trust | in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD**

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.

⁸**I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;
for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

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Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

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Psalm 23

Sung by all

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

²He makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.

³He re- | vives my soul

and guides me along right pathways | for his Name's sake.

⁴Though 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.

⁵You 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.

⁶Surely 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.

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

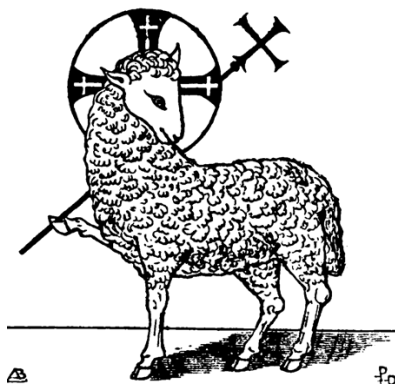
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Gospel

John 10:11-18

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

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Psalm 22:25-31

Sung by all

- ²⁴My praise is of God in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship him.
- ²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him:
"May your heart | live for ever!"
- ²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations | bow before him.
- ²⁷For kingship belongs | to the LORD;
he rules o- | ver the nations.
- ²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust | fall before him.
- ²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descen- | dants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the | LORD's for ever.
- ³⁰They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn
the saving deeds that | he has done.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

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Gospel

John 15:1-8

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

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Psalm 98

Congregation sings bold stanzas

- ¹Sing to the LORD | a new song,
for he has done mar- | velous things.
- ²**With his right hand and his | holy arm
has he won for him- | self the victory.**
- ³The LORD has made | known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.
- ⁴**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.**
- ⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.
- ⁶**Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.**
- ⁷With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | King, the LORD.
- ⁸**Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,
the lands and those who | dwell therein.**
- ⁹Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to | judge the earth.
- ¹⁰**In righteousness shall he | judge the world
and the peop- | les with equity.**

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

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Gospel

John 15:9-17

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

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Psalm 1

Sung by all

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law | day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wick- | ed is doomed.

Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

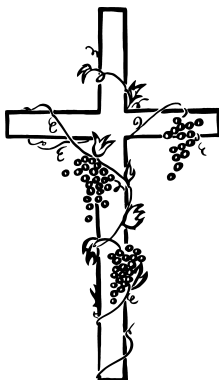
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Gospel

John 17:6-19

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