
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026
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Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *LSB 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

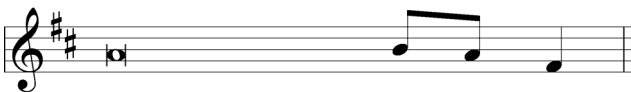
C: MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BY NATURE SINFUL AND UNCLEAN. WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART; WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE JUSTLY DESERVE YOUR PRESENT AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US, SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

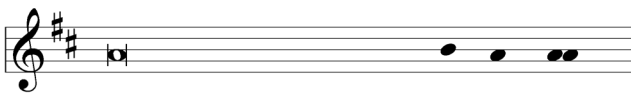
C: AMEN.



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

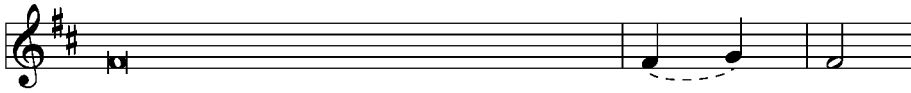
PSALMODY *Venite* *O Come, Let Us Sing*
Antiphon



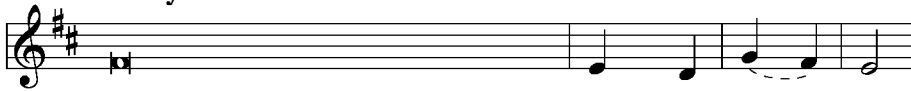
L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



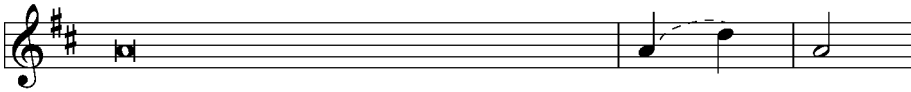
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



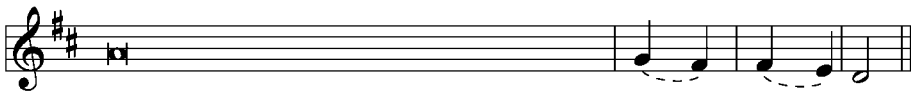
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.



☐ The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Second Psalm Psalm 23

(Sung responsively by verse)



The LORD is my | Shepherd;*
I | shall not want.

HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN | PASTURES.*

HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL | WATERS.

He re- | stores my soul.*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His | Name's sake.

**EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE | WITH ME;***

YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY | COMFORT ME.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;*

You anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

**SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS | OF MY
LIFE,***

AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR- | EVER.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON*

AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;

AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING,*

IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.

OFFICE HYMN LSB 874 *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG FOLK

FIRST LESSON*Acts 2:42-47*

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

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Praise the Lord with Joyful Song
Hal Hopson

Adult Choir

SECOND LESSON*1 Peter 2:19-25*

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. ²³When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him Who judges justly. ²⁴He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

GOSPEL VERSE

P: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

C: I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME. ALLELUIA.

HOLY GOSPEL*John 10:1-10*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**RESPNSORY**

- L** 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.
 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.
 3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



C Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the



hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HYMN OF THE DAY *LW 417 The Lord's My Shepherd, Leading Me*



1 The Lord's my Shep - herd, lead - ing me To pas - tures new - ly
 2 My hun - gry soul He fills a - gain With man - na from a -
 3 E - ven with - in the vale of death I feel no threat - 'ning
 4 How He con - founds my en - e - mies By rich - ly bless - ing
 5 I take my stand for - ev - er - more With - in my Shep - herd's



green; Deep flow the wa - ters of His care, His
 bove; He sets my foot - steps right a - gain In
 chill, His rod and staff pro - tect - ing me, His
 me; His cup of prom - ise o - ver - flows With
 fold, Se - cure in His for - giv - ing love. How



mer - cies un - fore - seen. He loves me so, He
 path - ways of His love. For His name's sake He
 love be - side me still. His guard - ian love pro -
 gen - er - os - i - ty. A - noint - ing me His
 gent - ly strong His hold! He loves me so, He



leads me to His pas - tures gent - ly green.
 nur - tures me With man - na from a - bove.
 tect - ing me, I fear no threat of ill.
 cho - sen one, He rich - ly bless - es me.
 leads me to His bless - ings rich and bold.

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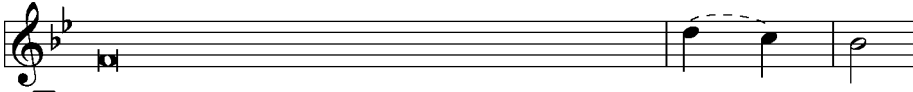
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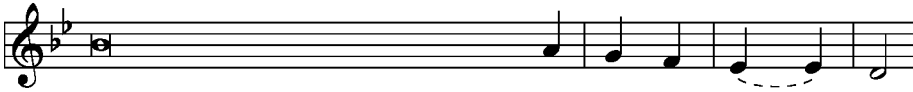
SERMON

CANTICLE **Te Deum**

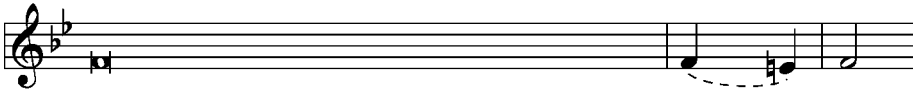
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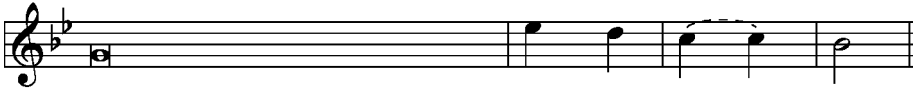
- 1** We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



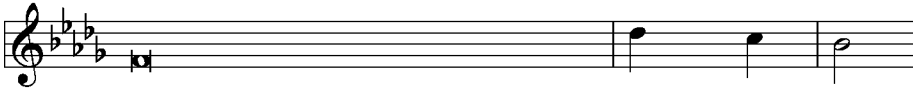
- 1** All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1** To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



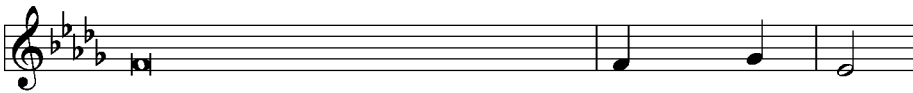
- 1** To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



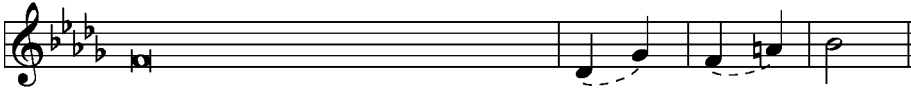
- 5** When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



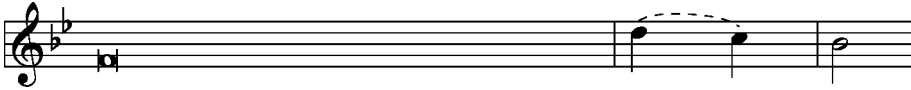
- 5** You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5** When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



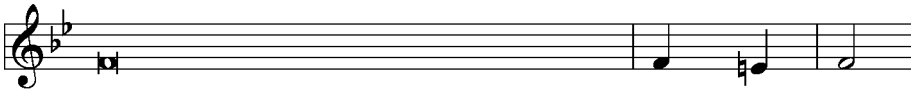
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



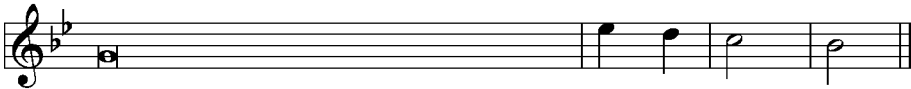
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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I Love You, Lord
Laurie Klein

Anchormen

KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 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.

COLLECTS

P The Lord be with you.



G And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him Who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.



G A - men.

Collect for Matins

P: Almighty God, heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and cheerfully serve You.



G A - men.

For Guidance in Our Calling*LSB p. 311*

P: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**For Responsible Citizenship***LSB p.313*

P: Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Collect for Grace***LSB p.228*

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**BENEDICAMUS***LSB p. 227*

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN *LSB 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds***SILENT PRAYER**

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



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