



HOLY
COMMUNION

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 8, 2022

8:30 a.m. Eucharist

Exploring the promise of God for all

PRELUDE

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

GATHERING

EASTER GREETING AND OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 23

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life,**

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

OPENING HYMN

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Hymn 384

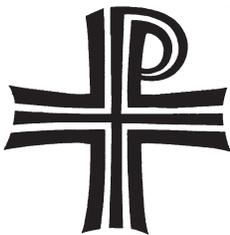
PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, who is our good shepherd, in the midst of this wonderfully messy life, guide us along right pathways and as we stumble and bumble along hold your promise to never let us go. For in the midst of all that would bring us down, stretch us out and pull us in all directions, may we hear the call to life, to get up and serve as Dorcas who was “devoted to good works and acts of charity”



*The Holy Spirit gathers us
in unity on this first day
of the week.*

for the most vulnerable in our midst, may we do the same as we live into resurrection hope. Lord, as you keep calling us to make a difference in the world.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

READING

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now 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. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since 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." ³⁹So 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. ⁴⁰Peter 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. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en from the dead.

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



*God speaks to us
in scripture
reading, preaching,
and song.*

GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the religious authorities gathered around him and



In her hymn text (which she titles “Christus Paradox”) Sylvia Dunstan reflects for us some of the rich variety of Christological titles, metaphors and descriptions that are found in the scriptures. Much of the text focuses on the two natures of Christ – simultaneously God and fully human, the second person of the Trinity as well as Jesus of Nazareth, Son of Mary. Additionally, she highlights the doctrine of the three states of Christ (Philippians 2) – one who has always existed, the same one who became incarnate – suffered, died and was buried – and still the same one who is risen and reigns forever. The text began its life as a choral anthem and is now included in “All Creation Sings,” our new ELCA worship supplement.

said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me;²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY
 “Christus Paradox”

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd. You, Lord, are both
 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

prince and slave. You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

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 Music: French folk tune, 17th cent.

APOSTLES' CREED

Together we confess our faith.

**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 to the dead.
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 THE CHURCH

Freed from the tomb, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please be seated)

*The hymn tune, St. Columba,
is associated with a paraphrase
of Psalm 23,
today's opening sentences.*



*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ.*

MEAL

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Prelude on "St. Columba"

Healey Willan

(Please be seated)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe ...

....O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Savior taught:

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.**

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.



*God blesses and
sends us in mission
to the world.*

SENDING

BENEDICTION

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

Hymn 544

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing” Isaac Drewes

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presider</i>
Pat Hansen	<i>assisting</i>
Dean Binger	<i>reader</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>

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