



Evening Prayer | Easter IV

Saturday, May 7, 2022

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

GATHERING

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



HYMN TO THE RISEN CHRIST

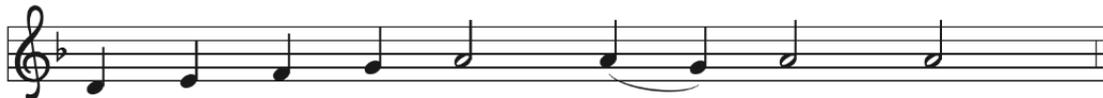
Christus Paradox



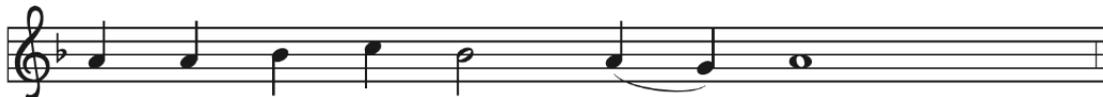
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



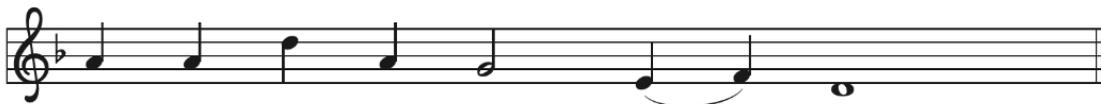
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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” 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

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Tonight's first reading is from the book of Acts:

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. ⁴³Meanwhile 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 (sing twice)

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a 4/4 time signature and features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords in the bass line.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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

“For All the Faithful Women”



1. For all the faith-ful wom-en who served in days of old,
2. Lord, hear our praise of Dor-cas, who served the sick and poor.
3. All praise to God the Fa-ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv-en; to all, their stor-y told.
Her hands were cups of kind-ness, her heart an o-pen door.
All praise to God the Spir-it, who binds the church in one!



They served with strength and glad-ness in tasks your wis-dom gave.
Send us, O Christ, your Bo-dy, where peo-ple cry in pain,
With saints who went be-fore us, with saints who wit-ness still,



To you their lives bore wit-ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
and touch them with com-pass-ion to make them whole a-gain.
we sing glad al-le-lu-ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
Music: Finnish folk tune
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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 creation.

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Into 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)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Prelude on “St. Columba”

Healey Willan

Tonight’s musical offering is based on our evening hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is.”

MEAL

(Please stand)

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

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.**

(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.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

EVENING HYMN

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Hymn 502
stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 6

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, *preacher*
Diane Olson, *assisting minister*
Isaac Drewes, *pianist/organist*
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Mary Gunderson, *great room ambassador*
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