

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome

Opening Hymn “Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven” *Henry Francis Lyte*

Praise my soul the King of heaven
To His feet thy tribute bring
Ransomed healed restored forgiven
Who like thee His praise should sing
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise the everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress
Praise Him still the same forever
Slow to chide and swift to bless
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise Him Praise Him
Glorious in His faithfulness

Father-like He tends and spares us
Well our feeble frame He knows
In His hands He gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise Him Praise Him
Widely as His mercy flows

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!!!
People ***He is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

People ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord:

People ***Who made heaven and earth.***

Celebrant I was glad when they said to me

People ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

Celebrant Praise the Lord.
People ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

All ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Be glorified at home.

People ***Be glorified in church.***

Celebrant Be glorified in Texas.

People ***Be glorified in the United States.***

Celebrant Be glorified on earth.

People ***Be glorified in heaven.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Alleluia!

People ***Amen.***

The Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Easter

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The first lesson is from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, chapter 34, beginning to read at verse 1.

34 The word of the LORD came to me: ²“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; ⁶they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them. ⁷“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, ⁹therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them. (ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Psalm 23 *Let us read this Psalm responsively by half verse.*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
therefore I can lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in green pastures *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.
- 4 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 comfort me.
- 5 You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence
of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely 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.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

The second lesson is from the First Letter of St. John, chapter 3, beginning to read at verse 1.

3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. (ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

Sequence Song, "Ancient Words"

Lynn De Shazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)

Celebrant We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. John Chapter 10 beginning to read at verse 11.

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.
(ESV)

Celebrant This is the Gospel of Christ.
People ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

Sequence Song, “Ancient Words” *Lynn DeShazo*

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. O let the ancient words impart.

Sermon *The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau*

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

Psalmist We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

All ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

Psalmist Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

All ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

Psalmist We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

All ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop, Clark, our Bishop, and Chuck and Owen our priests. Fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

All ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

Psalmist We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world.

All ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

Psalmist For the nations of the world that they may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

All ***Bind them together, O Lord.***

Psalmist We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; and that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ. May they be comforted by God if they or their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

All ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up Apostles Anglican Church, Houston, Texas. We ask your anointing upon

Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

All ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

Psalmist For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

All ***Protect them, O Lord.***

Psalmist We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

All ***Lord, hear our prayers.***

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Prayers of Penitence

Celebrant Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. *(Luke 9:23-24)*

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All ***Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Celebrant Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. *Amen.*

All **Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.**

The Peace

Offertory Song “I’ll Fly Away/I Saw The Light/Will The Circle Be Unbroken”

Hank Williams, Sr., Lewis Ellis Jone, Albert E. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away
To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away

Chorus 1: I’ll fly away O glory, I’ll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by, I’ll fly away

When the shadows of this life have grown, I’ll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I’ll fly away (to chorus1)

Just a few more weary days and then, I’ll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end, I’ll fly away (to chorus1)

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin, I wouldn’t let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus 2: I saw the light, I saw the light, no more darkness no more night
Now I’m so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light (*chorus2*)

Doxology

All sing **Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Is the Father with us?

People **He is.**

Celebrant Is Christ among us?

People ***He is.***

Celebrant Is the Spirit here?

People ***He is.***

Celebrant This is our God.

People ***Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.***

Celebrant We are His people.

People ***We are redeemed.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. For Abraham, a wandering nomad You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be a king; for a rebellious community, You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

And now we give You thanks because You raised Him gloriously from the dead; through Him You have given us the resurrection hope, for our life will be changed, not taken away, when our mortal flesh is laid aside, we will enter our everlasting dwelling place to live with Him.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)

Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

People remain standing

Celebrant Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

People ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

Celebrant In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

People ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

Celebrant This is the feast of victory!

People ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

The Communion

Celebrant *As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:*

All 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.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
People ***Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.***
Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,
People ***is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***
Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.
People ***Christ is the host and we are His guests.***
Celebrant Christ is alive for ever.
People ***We are because He is.***

The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

“Behold the Lamb”

Dottie Rambo

Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb! Slain from the foundation of the world. For sinners crucified, O Holy Sacrifice, behold the Lamb of God! Behold the Lamb. Crown Him, crown Him, worthy is the Lamb. Praise Him, praise Him. Heaven and earth resound. Back to beginning.

Communion Songs “Abide” *Aaron Keyes, Aaron Williams, Jake Fauber*

For my waking breath for my daily bread
I depend on You I depend on You
For the sun to rise for my sleep at night
I depend on You I depend on You

Chorus 1: You’re the Way the Truth and the Life
You’re the well that never runs dry
I’m the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me

Where the Spirit leads as I’m following
I depend on You I depend on You

For the victories still in front of me
I depend on You I depend on You

Chorus 2: You're the Way the Truth and the Life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength my song in the night
Be my all my treasure my prize
I am Yours forever You're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

When I pass through death as I enter rest
I depend on You I depend on You
For eternal life to be raised with Christ
I depend on You I depend on You (to ch2)

“Son Of Heaven”

Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe, Matt Maher

This is the word here in the flesh
Living among the meek and lowly
The voice of God His every breath
Salvation of the world unfolding

Chorus: Behold Him behold Him
Lift up your eyes see the Son of Heaven
Hosanna hosanna
Pour out your praise sing the Name of Jesus

This is His heart upon the cross
And from His wounds His mercies flowing
And from the dawn put death to death
And ever since that grave's been empty (*to chorus*)

This is His home here in our chest
At every door our Savior's knocking
Oh let Him in oh let Him out
With every yes His Kingdom's coming
The sound of every saint rejoicing
Oh Jesus Christ the hope of glory (*to chorus*)

“Jesus Does”

Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Kyle Briskin, Martin Cash, Scott Cash

Who tells the sun to rise every morning
Colors the sky with the shades of His glory
Wakes us with mercy and love
Jesus does

Who hold the orphan comforts the widow
Cries for injustice feels every sorrow
Carries the pain of His children
Jesus does

Chorus: So we sing praise to the Father who gave us the Son
Praise to Spirit who's living in us
When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was
Cause that's what Jesus does

Who understands the heart of the sinner
Showers His grace over all our mistakes
Washes us clean with His blood
Jesus does

Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness
Who stole the keys to hell and the grave
Who has the power to save
Jesus does *(to chorus)*

Bridge: Oh what a friend oh what a Savior
He's always been good He's always been faithful
He came to my rescue when I needed Him most
And saved my soul *(to chorus)*

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn “Abide With Me” *Henry Francis Lyte, William Henry Monk*

Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide

When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless O abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death O Lord abide with me

Celebrant Words of dismissal.
All ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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