

May 11, 2025

10:30 am

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (*Good Shepherd*)

Welcome

Opening Hymn, “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Henry Purcell, John Mason Neale

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone

Grant, we pray to all Your people, all the grace they ask to gain
What they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain
And hereafter in Your glory evermore with You to reign

Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One
One in might and One in glory while unending ages run

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

Celebrant 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 Numbers, chapter 27, beginning to read at verse 12.

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Go up into this mountain of Abarim and see the land that I have given to the people of Israel. ¹³ When you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, ¹⁴ because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin when the congregation quarreled, failing to uphold me as holy at the waters before their eyes.” (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.) ¹⁵ Moses spoke to the Lord, saying, ¹⁶ “Let the Lord, the God of the

spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation ¹⁷ who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep that have no shepherd.” ¹⁸ So the Lord said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him. ¹⁹ Make him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and you shall commission him in their sight. ²⁰ You shall invest him with some of your authority, that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey. ²¹ And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the Lord. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the people of Israel with him, the whole congregation.” ²² And Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and made him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole congregation, ²³ and he laid his hands on him and commissioned him as the Lord directed through Moses. (ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 100 *Let us read this Psalm responsively by half verse.*

¹ O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

² Be assured that the Lord, he is God; *
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

³ O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

⁴ For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, *
and his truth endures from generation to generation.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

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

The Second Lesson is from the Revelation to St. John, chapter 7, beginning to read at verse 9.

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and

worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

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. (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 22.

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.” (ESV)

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

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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.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

Psalmist For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy,
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For Steve, our Archbishop, Clark, our Bishop, Fr. Chuck and Fr. Josiah, our priests, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy,
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up Oak Forest Anglican Church in 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.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy,
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy,
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy,
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy,
People ***Hear our prayer.***

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

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy,
People ***Hear our prayer.***

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.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy,
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy,
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Psalmist Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the rain you have bestowed upon us and ask that you provide more according to our need.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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, “Christus Victor (Amen)”

Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength our song our sure salvation

Chorus 1: Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah amen

O Most High dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior
Who lived who died who rose victorious

Chorus 2: Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son hallelujah amen

O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever

Bridge: Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen (*Chorus 2*)

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.***

Celebrant 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, "Jesus Paid It All (Oh Praise The One)"

Elvina M. Hall, John T. Grape, Alex Nifong

I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all

Chorus: Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find, Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone (*Chorus*)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Oh praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (*x6*)

“I Know A Name” *Steven Furtick, Brandon Lake, Jacob Sooter, Hank Bentley*

I know a Name
That can silence roaring waves
I know a Name
That can empty out a grave
I know a Name
It's the only Name that saves
And it's worthy of all praise

Chorus 1: I call You Jesus
I call You I call You Healer
Risen and reigning in power
Something comes out of the grave

Chorus 2: Every time I call You Jesus
I call You I call You Savior
Worthy of glory forever
Something comes out of the grave
Every time I call Your Name

I have a King
With dominion over death
He holds the keys
In His holy nail-scarred hands
He is the heel
That has crushed the serpent's head
Our resurrected Great I Am (*Chorus 1, Chorus 2*)

Bridge 1: Chains break dry bones wake
Every time I call Your Name
The gates of hell shake
Every time I call Your Name

Bridge 2: Where oh death is now your sting
And where oh grave your victory (*Repeat, Chorus 1, Chorus 2*)

“How Great Your Love Is”

Jake Espy, Kyle Lee

Your love sought me when I was low
A wanderer on a broken road
Shame shackled my heart in doubt
I was lost in sin but You brought me out

Your voice shattered the dead of night
With just one breath every wrongs' made right
My soul in victory safe from harm
Shouts I'm free I'm free in my Savior's arms
Yes I'm free I'm free in my Savior's arms

Chorus: Oh how great Your love is
How deep Your kindness
How sweet Your grace
Oh how strong Your mercy
Through every valley You've made a way

And You came down to a fallen earth
With a grace much greater than I deserved
Now I'm set free by the blood You spilled
From the cross You saw me and loved me still
From the cross You saw me and loved me still (*Chorus*)

Bridge: We believe we believe
That our God is alive and our hearts are free
We believe we believe
In King Jesus He is alive indeed

Post-Communion Prayer

All ***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, “Resurrection Hymn”

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen
See God's salvation plan wrought in love
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again
The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honor and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won
Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

Celebrant Words of dismissal.

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

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