



THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE of DIVINE WORSHIP

—The Fourth Sunday *in* Eastertide—
Good Shepherd Sunday | Festival of God's Creation

Sunday, April 21, Anno Domini 2024
08:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. ✠ The Sanctuary

✠ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

The People's responses are printed in bold.

Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

*As the service begins, you are invited to quiet your thoughts
and prayerfully center your attention on the worship of Almighty God.*

SERVICE NOTES

*We rest our hearts
in God's presence
as we prepare for
worship.*

*We celebrate God's
presence with us.*

*God calls us to
worship Him in
spirit and in truth.*

— ENTRANCE —

SILENT PRAYER of PREPARATION for WORSHIP

O God, whose Son Jesus 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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **CALL to WORSHIP**

Liturgist: **Alleluia!** Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

We glorify Your resurrection, O Christ, for by it You have renewed our corrupt nature and opened the Way to heaven.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Praise be to You. You were nailed to the tree. You descended to hell.
You broke the bonds of death.

We adore You, O resurrected One!

(continued overleaf...)

3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,
the whole world sings of triumph, the victory over sin;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that has no end!

4. Then praise we God the Father, and praise we Christ the Son,
with them the Holy Spirit, Eternal Three-in-One,
Till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
And honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

Words: John of Damascus (ca. 675 – ca. 749); vss. 1-3 trans. John Mason Neale (1818 – 1866), alt., 1862; Music: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784; harm. William H. Monk (1823 – 1889); 1868.

*We acknowledge
our need of
forgiveness and
renewal through
the cleansing blood
of Jesus.*

CONFESSION of SIN

Liturgist: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God and one another:

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection and private confession.)

When the risks of discipleship are high,
and we are nowhere to be found:

God forgive us.

When we wash our hands of responsibility:

God forgive us.

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors
and seek to buy freedom with silver:

God forgive us.

When fear keeps us from witnessing to the Truth,
or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

God forgive us.

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God,
our sin is exposed and Your grace is revealed.

Tender God,

**raise us in Your love so that, with joy,
we may witness to and testify of Your awesome deeds,
in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, we pray. Amen.**

God comforts us
with His promise
of forgiveness in
Christ.

We enjoy and
extend the peace of
Christ to one
another.

The Gloria Patri is
an ancient hymn
of praise dating
back to 380 AD.

We celebrate God's
work in our
community.

✦ ASSURANCE of GOD'S PARDON

from Colossians 2.13-15

Liturgist: Hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel: "When you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive with Him, when He forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it."

In Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven!

People: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! AMEN!**

✦ THE PEACE of THE LORD

Liturgist: The peace of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

✦ GLORIA PATRI (Latin: "Glory be the Father..")

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to Christ the Son,
Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Ev - er Three and Ev - er One:
One in might and One in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Words: *Gloria Patri*, VII Century Latin; trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), 1861; alt.
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY; Henry Purcell (1659-1695), 1680.

MISSIONS' MOMENT

Camp Discovery

— PROCLAMATION of GOD'S WORD —

(11:00) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(11:00) ANTHEM of PRAISE

arr. Eric Nelson (b. 1959)

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heavenly Father
safely in His bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish;
in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
in His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord His children sever;
unto them His grace He showeth,
and their sorrows all He knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers,
Your Protector never slumbers;
at the will of your Defender
every foe then must surrender.

No more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.*

Children of the heavenly Father
safely in His bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

Words: Carolina Sandell Berg (1832 – 1903); trans. Ernst W. Olson (1870 – 1958);

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Music: TRYGGARE KANN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk song.

*from "My Savior Shall Supply My Need" Words: Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748), 1719;

Music: RESIGNATION, American folk melody; Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828.

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This hymn was penned under the influence of incredible grace amidst heart-wrenching pain and anguish. We are reminded that God is our Heavenly Father and Protector amid all the troubles of this life.

We ready our hearts to receive the reading of God's Word.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Lector: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Together, let us pray:

God of creation, Lord of Life:
Open our hearts and minds
by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and Your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what You say to us today. *Amen.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Lector: ... Word of God, Word of life:

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Acts 4.5-12

(Pew Bible, p. 121)

✦ SEQUENCE HYMN of PREPARATION

No. 314

In the Garden

GARDEN

✦ GOSPEL LESSON

Preacher: ... This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

John 10.11-18

(pp. 103-04)

*God speaks to us
through the
preaching of His
Holy Word.*

SERMON

— RESPONSE to GOD'S HOLY WORD —

*The Apostles'
Creed dates back
to 380 AD.*

✦ AFFIRMATION of OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

(Hymnal, p. 881)

*As recipients of
God's grace, we
give back to God a
portion of what is
already His.*

✦ OFFERTORY HYMN of RESPONSE

No. 136

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CRIMOND

✦ DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! ALLELUIA!

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.;

Music: from Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

✦ OFFERTORY PRAYER

*We give thanks to
God and bring our
needs to Him.*

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: ...Risen Lord, in Your mercy:

People: **hear our prayer...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

from Matthew 6.9-13

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. *Amen.*]

— SENDING FORTH —

✦ SENDING HYMN of DEDICATION

VICTORY

No. 306

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

✦ BLESSING & COMMISSION into THE MISSION FIELD

(You are invited to bow your head and extend your hands for the blessing.)

*We go out with joy
and purpose in the
Lord.*

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