

Early Service Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting One

As We Gather The Good Shepherd, Jesus, lays down His life for the sheep. It is Christ alone who has the loving authority to care for us and redeem us. Christ—crucified by men, resurrected by God—begets healing, life, and salvation. He has done it all for us. Just as Christ acts in love on our behalf, we, too, are to love one another, not merely by speaking about love but by engaging in acts of truth and mercy.

Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Easter Proclamation

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 LSB 151

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please kneel as you are able

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

John 20:19–23 LSB 151

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b


- P** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.
- C** **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**
- P** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- C** **He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- P** 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, they comfort me.
- C** **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and
I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie

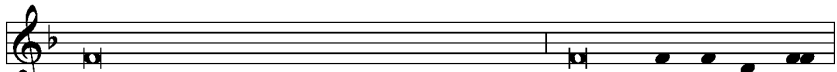
Mark 10:47 LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.




A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



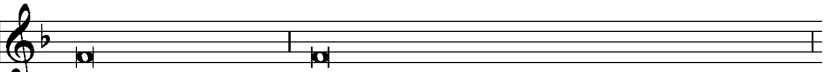
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



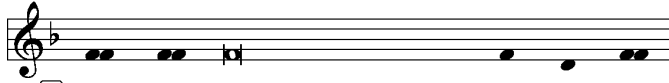
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9 LSB 155

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

A The First Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter four.

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and ⁵scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (Psalm 23)* **LSB 710**



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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Epistle

1 John 3:16–24

A The Epistle is from First John, chapter three.

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what

pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia

*Be Not Afraid
Repeat as led*

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

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Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

- C** **Glo - ry to You, O Lord.**

¹¹Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father

knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.
¹⁶And 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.
¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

Stanzas 1-2 All
Stanza 3 Women
Stanza 4 Men
Stanzas 5-6 All

Please be seated

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Please stand as you are able

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register. Please indicate if you plan to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion and whether you are a member or visitor. If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated

Voluntary

O Bread of Life from Heaven
Sanctuary Choir

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

*O Bread of life from heaven, to weary pilgrims given,
O Manna from above: the souls that hunger feed Thou,
The hearts that seek Thee lead Thou, with Thy most sweet and tender love.*

*O Fount of grace redeeming, O River ever streaming
From Jesus' wounded side: Come Thou, Thyself bestowing
On thirsting souls, and flowing till all their wants are satisfied.*

*Jesus, this feast receiving, Thy word of truth believing,
Unseen, we love, adore: Grant, when our race is ended,
That we, to heaven ascended, may see Thy glory evermore.*

--17th-Century Latin Hymn

Distribution Hymns

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav - en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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The Day of Resurrection

LSB 478



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

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Please stand as you are able

P Now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

G Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43; 1 Chronicles 16:8-10 LSB 164



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB 735

Announcements

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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Music Notes for April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Prelude for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is a lyrical setting of the Hymn of the Day, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (LSB 709), by Anglo-Irish composer Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). In addition to his own work as a composer, Stanford was renowned as a teacher of composition. During Stanford’s four decades as professor of composition at the Royal College of Music in London, his pupils included such luminaries of the British musical firmament as Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gustav Holst, Herbert Howells, and Rebecca Clarke.

The Voluntary is a reflective setting of “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” by American composer and organist Robert Hobby (b. 1962). Mr. Hobby serves as Director of Music at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Sanctuary Choir will sing “O Bread of Life from Heaven” by J.S. Bach (1685-1750) during the distribution of communion. The music is a harmonization of the German chorale O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, excerpted from Bach’s *St. Matthew Passion*, while the text is a translation of a 17th-century Latin communion hymn.

The Postlude is a chorale prelude on the German Easter hymn *Christ lag in Todesbanden*, translated in *Lutheran Service Book* as “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (LSB 458). This hymn was written by Martin Luther, who modeled it after “Christ is Arisen” (LSB 459), a medieval folk hymn. The setting of this hymn presented today was written by the German composer and organist Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) and is excerpted from the *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book), a collection of 45 chorale preludes for organ that encompasses the whole of the liturgical year.

This interpretation of the chorale makes use of a full registration consisting of the foundation, reed, and mixture stops of the organ, in keeping with the *Affekt* of the hymn:

Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands for our offenses given;
But now at God’s right hand He stands and brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be and sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!