



4th Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd

April 26, 2026



INTRODUCTORY RITES

CHRIST, THE LORD, IS RISEN TODAY

LLANFAIR



1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day,
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
4. Soar we now where Christ has led,) Al - le - lu - ia!



1. All on earth with an - gels say.
2. Where, O death, is now thy sting?
3. Fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
4. Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed head;) Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
2. Once he died our souls to save,
3. Death in vain for - bids him rise;
4. Made like him, like him we rise,) Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply,
2. Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
3. Christ has o - pen'd par - a - dise.
4. Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.) Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Music: Robert Williams, 1781-1821.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

The people answer: **Amen.**

The grace, the mercy, and the peace of God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior be with you. The people answer: **And with your Spirit**

Act of Penitence

Gloria



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace, peace to
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord
God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je - sus
Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have
mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men, a - men.

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Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 - [Acts 2:14a, 36-41](#)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,
raised his voice, and proclaimed:
"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain
that God has made both Lord and Christ,
this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart,
and they asked Peter and the other apostles,
"What are we to do, my brothers?"

Peter said to them,
"Repent and be baptized, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is made to you and to your children
and to all those far off,
whomever the Lord our God will call."

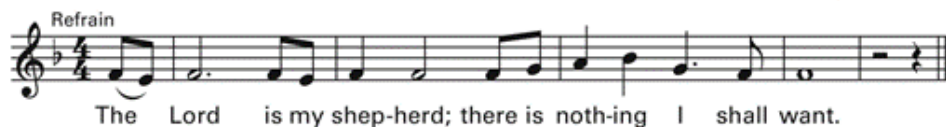
He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them,
"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
Those who accepted his message were baptized,
and about three thousand persons were added that day.

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm:

PSALM 23: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD/

Scot Crandal



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| 1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. | 3. You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. |
| 2. He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage. | 4. Only goodness and kindness
follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come. |

Reading 2 - [1 Peter 2:20b-25](#)

Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good,
this is a grace before God.

For to this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.
He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult;
when he suffered, he did not threaten;
instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.
He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.
For you had gone astray like sheep,
but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia



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Gospel - [John 10:1-10](#)

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate
but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.
But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice,
as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
When he has driven out all his own,
he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him,
because they recognize his voice.
But they will not follow a stranger;
they will run away from him,
because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."
Although Jesus used this figure of speech,
the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you,
I am the gate for the sheep.
All who came before me are thieves and robbers,
but the sheep did not listen to them.
I am the gate.
Whoever enters through me will be saved,
and will come in and go out and find pasture.
A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;
I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

The Nicene Creed

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

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us (men) and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.

I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: Risen Lord hear our prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

LIKE A SHEPHERD

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain



Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his arms, hold-ing them care-ful-ly close to his heart, lead-ing them home. home, lead-ing them home.

1-3 to Verses Final

Verses 1, 2

1. Say to the cit-ies of Ju - dah: Pre-pare __ the
2. I __ my - self __ will shep-herd them, for oth-ers have

1. way of the Lord. Go to the moun-tain-top,
2. led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and

to Refrain

1. lift your voice: Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God.
2. heal their wounds and pas-ture them, giv-ing them rest.

Verse 3

3. Come un-to me if you are heav-i-ly bur-dened, and

to Refrain

3. take my yoke up-on your shoul-ders. I will give you rest.

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Invitation to Pray

Pray brothers and sisters ...

Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

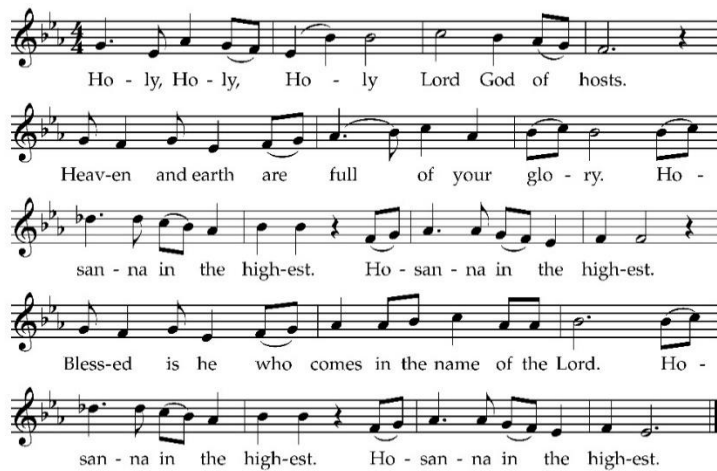
Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass for Our Lady

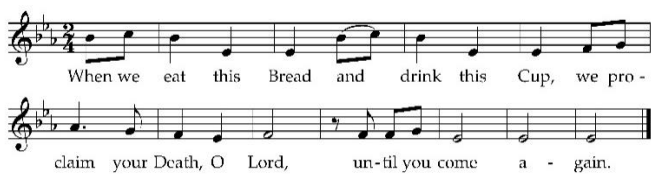


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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Memorial Acclamation

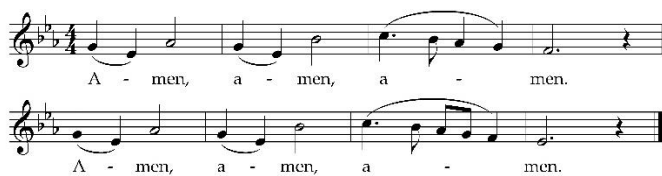


When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

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Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your Spirit

Breaking of the Bread

Cantor
A-gnus De - i, Lamb of God, *All* you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. *Cantor* A-gnus De - i,
All
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, O grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Songs:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With



gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O



sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your
praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1998
Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM with refrain; Robert E. Kreuz, 1922-1996
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Post Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements
Final Blessing
Dismissal

Sending Song

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

HYMN TO JOY

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to

1. voic - es raise; Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
2. life is born, Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal,
3. God on high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior,

1. Sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the
2. On this res - ur - rec - tion morn; Christ has tri - umphed,
3. Who has won the vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia

1. cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus
2. and we con - quer By his might - y en - ter - prise, We with
3. to the Spir - it, Font of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le -

1. Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
2. him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.
3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Text: 87 87 D; Christopher Wordsworth, 1872, alt.

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