

Christ the Good Shepherd, Basilica of St Lawrence Outside the Walls, Rome

DOVE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 9:00 a.m.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Holy Communion, Setting Four

An asterisk (*) indicates that the assembly is standing

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109

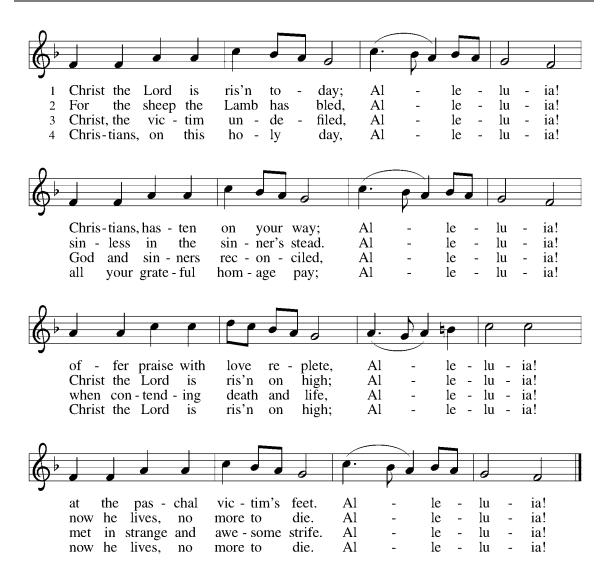
This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

Llanfair Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

Robert Powell is an American organist, conductor, and composer. He completed his training at Louisiana State University and in further studies with Alec Wyton at Union Theological Seminary in New York. From 1968 to 2003, he served as Director of Music and Organist at Christ Church (Episcopal) in Greenville, South Carolina. He has composed oratorios, anthems, service music, organ music, and works for handbell choir. His compositional style is lyrical and post-Romantic. The hymn tune "Llanfair" is the tune for today's gathering hymn.



Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt. Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE Setting Four

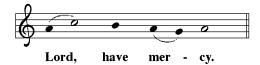


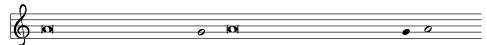
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





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







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

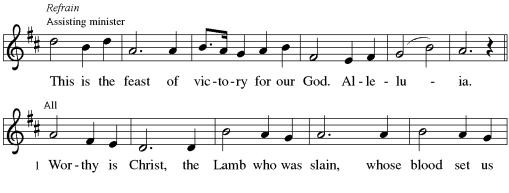




Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE: THIS IS THE FEAST

Setting Four







Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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¹The Lord ¹ is my shepherd; I shall not ¹ be in want.

²The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my ¹ soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. REFRAIN

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. REFRAIN

SECOND READING: I JOHN 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

A reading from First John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 169

The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the gospel verse.



Cantor: Jesus says, I am I the good shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me. (John 10:14)

*GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

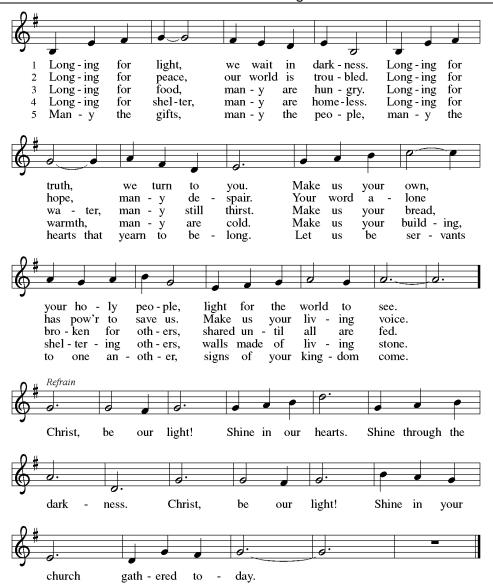
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to 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 in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Solveig Muus



Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes, "Lord in your, mercy," and the assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

After the final petition, the presiding minister concludes the prayers: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After the assembly and the presiding minster exchange the peace, we share the peace with others. Some will shake hands, but others may not due to health concerns. Be flexible!

OFFERING

(In-person worshipers may place their contributions in the offering plate at the altar before or after worship.)

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Sheep May Safely Graze (from Cantata No. 208) J.S. Bach (1685-1750); Arr. Katherine Davis (1892-1980)

Originally scored for soprano soloist, two recorders and continuo, this famous aria from Bach's earliest surviving secular cantata has been transcribed here for choir and organ. Numerous other transcriptions of the pastoral music for various instruments and ensemble combinations have made the music some of Bach's most well-known. Arranger Katherine Davis translated and used the original first line of text and added sacred English words, which are fitting for this Good Shepherd Sunday.

Sheep may safely graze and pasture in a watchful shepherd's sight.

Though the valley dark is growing, clouds are gath'ring, winds are blowing, Night and death are drawing near,

Yet no danger shall alarm me, death and darkness ne'er can harm me In his arms I feel no fear.

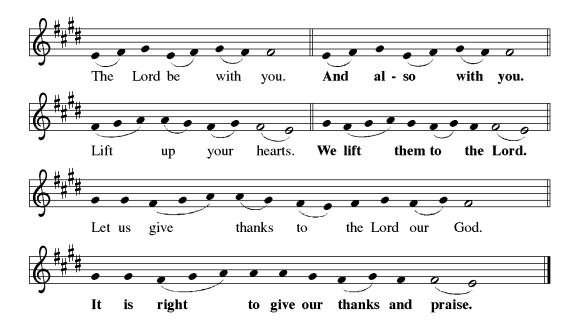
Like a shepherd God doth guide us into pastures calm and blest; Safe we lie by peaceful waters, and like sheep securely rest.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

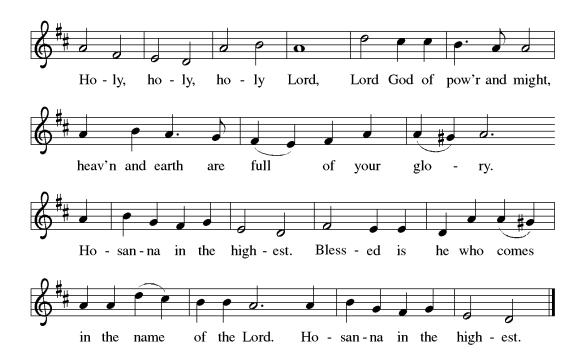
Amen.



*PREFACE (Easter)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Prayer One

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

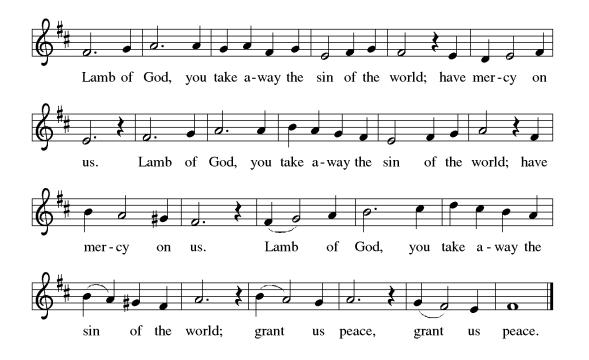


*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

*LAMB OF GOD Setting Four



*INVITATION TO THE MEAL

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

The assembly sits; those who wish to receive communion may approach the altar. Worshipers may stand or kneel at the altar rail; the bread wafer will be placed in your hand by the pastor. When the chalice is offered, you may dip the tip of the wafer into the wine, and then consume the wafer.

A Spring Pastoral Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)

Eric Thiman was an English composer, conductor, and organist. During his career as a prolific composer of organ music, choral works, art songs, chamber music, and works for larger ensembles, he was Professor of Harmony at the Royal Academy of Music and later served as the Dean of the Faculty of Music at the University of London. In addition, he was organist at Park Chapel, Crouch End, for 29 years.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Commission

Final reflections and announcements before God sends us out.

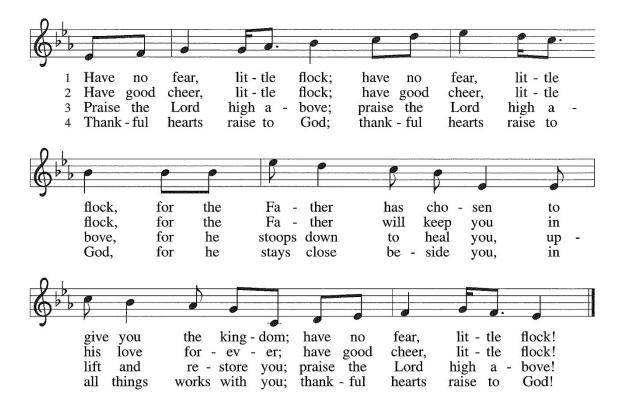
*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and \oplus give you peace.

Amen.



Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2–4 Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930 Text and music © 1973 Concordia Publishing House LITTLE FLOCK 66766

Canzona in F Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

Domenico Zipoli was an Italian composer who became a Jesuit missionary in South America, working in a territory that is now part of Argentina. During his early years in Italy, he studied with Alessandro Scarlatti and in Rome under the supervision of Bernardo Pasquini. Zipoli is primarily known for keyboard works, but also composed choral music.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Allelulia!

Thank you to our worship leaders			
	April 21, 2024	April 28, 2024.	
	(today)	(next Sunday)	
Assisting Minister	Eric Holtan	Dianne Huston	
Lector	Evonne Anderson	Todd Scholer	
Cantor	George Zillmer	Eric Holtan	
Organist	Pamela Decker	Pamela Decker	



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