



Alleluia!

fourth sunday
of easter

christ episcopal church
tacoma

Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022 10:30am

If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us this morning. Should this form of worship be unfamiliar, relax and let the assembly carry you. We follow the worship pattern of the Book of Common Prayer (red book) beginning on page 355. Hymns and songs are found in Hymnal 1982 (blue book) or printed in this program.

The Word of God

Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.

Prelude "Sheep May Safely Graze" J. S. Bach

All rise at the ringing of the bell

Processional Hymn "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" H 366
Verses 1-4 GROSSER GOTT

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

“Glory to God”

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading:

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Larissa Gaulke, soprano

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters,
he revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness, surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me,
follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

The Second Reading:

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

Organ will play once, Choir and People Sing Chorus

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

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Repeat Chorus after Choir Sings Versicle:

“The sheep of my flock,” says the Lord, “hearing my voice will listen. They will follow me, for I know them; they are mine.”

The Holy Gospel

John 10:22-30

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Silence and stillness

All rise as able

The Nicene Creed

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 from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

The Prayers

Intercessor: Holy God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Nathan Forman; Frances Williams; Kreed Revere, Ella, Karrah, and Migal Vizcarra; Susanna Doll; Pat Trytten; Lea Worth; Ginny Peterson; Melissa Glick; Leslie Brooks and her children; Elin Gratton; Calder and Kazjmira Pospychala; Fred Langton; Bryon and Carrie Epp and their daughters Carly, Breanna, and Po; Debbie and Doug Oakman; James Standley; Jim Pierson; and Joanne Chemin. We pray for the people of Ukraine and all those experiencing the horror of war.

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Hank Davis and Linda Boyd.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you;" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All rise as able.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please remain in place to share the peace by offering the ancient Christian gesture of a bow to your neighbors.

Prayer of Blessing

Strong and merciful God, we give you thanks for the life and goodness you offer us in your son, Jesus Christ. Look with kindness, we pray, on your servants who seek your strength and your blessing. Assure them of your presence in the days ahead and give them the sure and certain knowledge that your hand is leading them and your love supporting them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory

An offering of money is collected. Your generous contribution, with the gifts of many others, makes possible the community of welcome, reconciliation, and service that is Christ Church.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

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Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant:

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us



keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All who desire to receive the Body and Blood Christ in the gifts of bread and wine and serve his mission in the world are welcome to communion. Follow the usher's invitation and come to the altar platform along the middle aisle of the left and right sections. When a place at the altar railing opens up, walk to that space and stand or kneel. Receive the bread in your hand and consume it; then assist the minister as they guide the cup of wine to your lips and take a sip. Please note that to protect the health of our community, we do not practice intinction (dipping the bread in the cup). Once you have received communion, return to your seat by the outer aisle.

Anthem

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

David Blackwell

The Lord is my Shepherd, and so I lack nothing;
he makes me down to lie in pastures green;
he leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.

Silence and stillness

All rise as able

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant blesses the People:

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, (+) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

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The Dismissal

Postlude

"March in F Major"

Alexandre Guilmant

Those wishing to receive healing prayers please come forward and stand or kneel by the rail after the postlude.

Please join us in Wells Hall for a Parish Town Hall following the service.

Flowers given by Len and Linda Johnson: Happy Mother's Day! Grateful for the nurturing of our devoted Moms Effie and Edith!!

Assisting with the liturgy

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Samuel Torvend; Deacon: The Rev. Donna Arellano, Deacon; Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Mr. Robert Hicker; Acolyte: Ms. Caroline Huckaby; Lector: Dr. Douglas Oakman; Interim Music Director: Dr. Paul Tegels; Soloist: Ms. Larissa Gaulke, Soprano; The Christ Church Choir; Ushers: Mr. Joe Conklin, Mr. Hector Arellano, and Mr. Len Johnson; Altar Guild: Ms. Linda Johnson, Ms. Edith Abicht, and Ms. Caroline Woodhams.

Welcome to Newcomers: If you would like to know more about our way of life, and subscribe to our *Weekly E-news*, fill out the Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plates. Worry not: we won't besiege you with emails. We invite you to explore our website and participate in any activities which interest you.

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**Please join us for a Parish Town Hall today in Wells Hall following the service.
A zoom Town Hall will be held Monday, May 9, at 6:00pm.
Visit christchurchtacoma.org/calendar for zoom link.**