

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”

Prelude “Hallelujah” Kelley Mooney, Leonard Cohen

INTRODUCTION

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.

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to God's holy name!

C: ***Christ our Savior is risen from the dead! Alleluia!***

P: Now we know victory over death, now we know joy over despair!

C: ***We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!***

P: This morning Jesus appears once again with open arms and an invitation.

C: ***We taste and see that the Lord is good and we are blessed beyond measure.***

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C: ***By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.***

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

C: ***Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.***

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord Christ,

C: ***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.***

Gathering Song "O For A Thousand" Charles Wesley
Ralph E. Hudson, Thomas Miller

- 1) O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace
 - 2) If eloquence I could display
And ev'ry language sing
A thousand words could never say
The praise I have for Thee
- Chorus 1
- Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah all praise to our God
- 3) Before the throne we'll sing the song
With saints from ev'ry age
With thousands times ten thousand strong
We'll praise His holy name

- Chorus 2
- Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah all praise to our God
Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah all praise to our King
- 4) A thousand years will be as one
When face to face I see
The splendid beauty of the Son
The One who died for me *Repeat Chorus 2*

WORD

Bible Reading Acts 4:5-12

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

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsive Reading

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: ***He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:***

L: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

C: ***He restoreth my soul:***

L: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: ***Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,***

L: I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

C: ***thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.***

L: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

C: ***thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.***

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

C: ***and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.***

Bible Reading

1 John 3:16-24

We 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 him²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.²³ And 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.²⁴ All 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

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

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading John 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.¹² The 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.¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.¹⁶ I 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.¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.¹⁸ No 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

"Sweet Jesus "

Matthew West, Todd Smith, Tony Wood

- 1) Sweet Jesus my Savior
You are my faithful Friend
You made me You know me
You've seen my ev'ry sin
My soul is amazed
By the gift of Your grace
And the arms that take me in
Sweet Jesus my Savior
You are my faithful Friend
- 2) Sweet Jesus my shelter
You are my faithful Friend
The refuge I run to
When the world comes closing in
Why should I be afraid
When I know I am saved
By the arms that take me in
Sweet Jesus my shelter
You are my faithful Friend
- 3) Sweet Jesus my Shepherd
You are my faithful Friend
You hold me You lead me
I'll follow to the end
And once more I will say
On that beautiful day
When Your arms take me in
Sweet Jesus my Shepherd
You are my faithful Friend

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence

Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need, especially those we remember aloud or in our hearts. Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities, fill us anew with your Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Peace

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: ***And also with you.***

"Lord, I Need You"

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves
Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher

Lord, I come ... I confess.
Bowing here ... I find my rest.
And without You... I fall apart.
You're the One ... that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my Righteousness,
Oh, God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep ...
Your Grace is more,
Where Grace is found ...
is where You are.
And where You are, ... Lord I am free.
Ho-li-ness .. is Christ in me.
Where You are, ... Lord I am free.
Ho-li-ness .. is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my Righteousness,
Oh, God, how I need you.

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my Righteousness,
Oh, God, how I need you.

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Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my Righteousness,
Oh, God, how I need you.
My one defense, my Righteousness,
Oh, God, how I need you.

Prayer of Preparation

P: God of love,
C: ***you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives as a gift. Abide with us and send us in service to
a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: ***And also with you***
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: ***We lift them to the Lord.***
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in God's grace, now and always. ***Amen.***

Prayer after Communion

P: Wellspring of joy,
C: ***through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the
hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your
love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.***

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and protect you.
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.
Amen.

Sending Song *"This Is Amazing Grace"* Jeremy Riddle, Josh Faro
Phil Wickham

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You'd lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You'd lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy... Worthy... Worthy...

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You'd lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ!

C: ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude

Our thanks to this morning's musicians: Rick Schaal, Brandon Zarzana

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