

A SERVICE FOR IN-HOME WORSHIP

May 3, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

HYMN OF INVOCATION

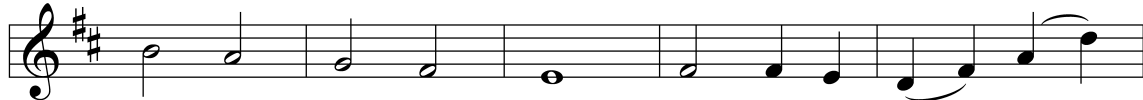
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Samuel Medley, 1738-1799

John C. Hatton, d. 1793



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives; what com - fort
 2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3. He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
 4. He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 5. He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8. He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Leader: Praise the Lord in his sanctuary, praise him in his mighty heavens.

People: **Let everything that has life and breath praise the Lord!**

Leader: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since you have wakened from death the Shepherd of the 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.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father, saying:

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**


Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

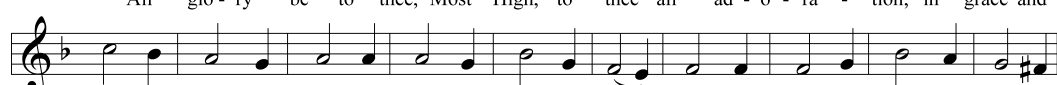
GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE

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Gloria in Excelsis
Nikolaus Decius, 1525 *Deutsche Evangelisch Messe*, 1539



All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o - ra - tion; in grace and



truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer us sal - va - tion; thou show - est thy good - will to



men, and peace shall reign on earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.

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Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695 Melchior Vulpius, 1609



1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
4. He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee,



now is the Vic - tor's tri - umph won;
but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
he ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
the bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,



now be the song of praise be - gun.
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst.
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head!
Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell.
that we may live and sing to thee.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Service of the Word

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.


Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OUR RESPONSE


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1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure,
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders;
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;


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that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his treas - ure.
a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers.
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns his face a - way,
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from his re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
his dy - ing breath has brought me life— I know that it is fin - ished.
But this I know with all my heart; his wounds have paid my ran - som.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-10

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Please spend time yourself or encourage others in your household to offer extemporaneous prayers:

- For the children in our congregation (Psalm 127:3-5)
- For unbelieving families and friends (1 Timothy 1:12-17)
- For our civil authorities (Romans 13:1-7)
- For the spread of the gospel (Luke 10:2)
- For your enemies and those who persecute you (Matthew 5:44)

After a time of open prayer, conclude by praying together 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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THE PSALTER LESSON

Psalms 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. ⁴ 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. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

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

CLOSING PRAYER

DEPARTING HYMN

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Christian F. Gellert, 1757

Johann Crüger, 1653



1. Je - sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - ev - er!
2. *Je - sus lives and reigns su - preme; and, his king - dom still re - main - ing.*
3. Je - sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions giv - ing,
4. *Je - sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sev - er,*
5. Je - sus lives and now is death but the gate of life im - mor - tal;



He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.
I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his glo - ry liv - ing.
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, hence - forth for - ev - er.
this shall calm my tremb - ling breath when I pass its gloom - y por - tal.



He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
God has pro - mised; be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
Me he rais - es from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
None of all his saints is lost: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence.

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