

Music During Communion

In Sweet Communion

Joseph M. Hopkins

In sweet communion, Lord,
with Thee I constantly abide;
My hand Thou holdest in Thy own
To Keep me near Thy side.

Though flesh and heart should faint and fail,
The Lord will ever be
The strength and portion of my heart,
My God eternally.

Thy counsel through my earthly way
Shall guide me and control.
And then to glory afterward
Thou wilt receive my soul.

To live apart from God is death,
'Tis good His face to seek;
My refuge is the living God,
His praise I long to speak.
(Psalm 73:23-28)

Whom have I, Lord, in heaven but Thee,
To whom my thoughts aspire?
And, having Thee, on earth is naught
That I can yet desire.

Post-Communion Cantic ~ LBW p. 72 *Thank the Lord and sing his praise*
(*We stand and sing once everyone has received the sacrament. In this song or chant, we offer our thanks and express our faith in what God has done for us and promised to do for us in the future.*)

+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+

(*In the final part of our liturgy, we are sent out as evangelists into the world, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*)

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction ~ LBW p. 74
(*We stay standing as the assistant minister offers a prayer of thanksgiving and petition that God will grant us faith to love our neighbor. The pastor then extends God's blessing across us and our lives.*)

Assisting Minister: Let us pray ... Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor (chanting): Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation (chanting): Amen.

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #501 *He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought*
HE LEADETH ME
(*We stay standing and sing. As the cross is carried out, we turn to follow it as we sing. Now nurtured through God's word and sacrament, we are ready to go forth into the world again.*)

Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Improvisation on *He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought*

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-2pm First Friends

Sunday, April 28 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Sunday School for adults and children

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist

Jimmy Paz, Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

Bright Igwenagu, Sexton

Pr. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Donna Bing

Assisting Minister

Edward Scott

Server/ Crucifer

Tristyn Brogan

Acolyte

Tim and Kristen Baker, Dave Hokanson

Usher

Carolyn Hokanson, Eric Olson

Altar Guild

Jimmy Paz

Choir Director

Mario Aschauer

Organist

Pastor Evan McClanahan

Liturgist, Preacher

Thanks to David and Carolyn Hokanson for donating flowers for this week.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 21, 2024

ORDER OF SERVICE

+WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP+

Organ Prelude

Improvisation on *Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness, p. 56 (*stand*)

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Sermon

(*Children are invited forward for a message just for them. After the message, they can go next door to the nursery with Mrs. Bella.*)

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit (*Choir*)

Ant. The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were made: alleluia, alleluia.

V. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for the upright.
(*We stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church as the choir sings. "Introit" means "to enter." Here we begin our church service with the theme of the day announced.*)

Processional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #143 *Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

(*We all sing the hymn and turn to follow the cross as it moves to the altar.*)

Greeting and Kyrie ~ LBW p. 57

Hymn of Praise ~ LBW p. 60 *This is the Feast*

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 22

Pastor: Let us pray ...

Congregation: Amen.

(*Be seated.*)

+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+

(In the second part of our liturgy, we hear and respond to God’s word.)

First Lesson ~ Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John,* and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners* stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let 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. This 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.’

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ Psalm 23



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

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

³ He re- | vives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

⁴ **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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my**
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Second Lesson ~ 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How 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? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

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. 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.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual *(choir only)* *The congregation is invited to join the “Alleluias”*

Ant. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I am the good Shepherd, says the Lord: I know my sheep, and mine know me.

The Gospel ~ John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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. Alleluia!

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #456 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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The Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 64

Prayers of the People

(The assistant minister leads us in prayer for our church, the sick and suffering, our community, and the world. We place trust in our loving God, especially for places and situations beyond our control).

Assisting Minister: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Each petition will end with the response:)

Assisting Minister: Lord, in Your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Congregation: Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

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

Congregation: And also with you.

(We repeat this greeting to those around us as you are comfortable.)

Offertory

Let All Things Now Living

THE ASH GROVE

(Be seated as ushers collect the offering and the choir sings. Having heard God’s word, we thus respond in faith and thanksgiving through this act.)

Offertory Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #128 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

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Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR+

(Here, Christ comes to us in the sacrament or “sacred act” of the altar. We believe that God brings himself and his forgiveness to us “in, with, and under” the bread and the wine.)

Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface ~ LBW p. 68

(We stay standing, as the pastor leads us in preparation for celebrating communion.)

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 69

Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 70

(The pastor leads us in prayer, followed by the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted communion. With these words, the bread and the wine are consecrated or “set apart” for God’s use in this special meal).

Pastor: Blessed are you ... in his holy supper.

Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed ... remembrance of me

Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 71

(Staying standing, we pray the prayer given by Christ himself.)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW Hymn #103 *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

(We stay standing as we sing about Jesus, the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.)

Holy Communion

Be seated while you wait to be invited forward to receive Christ’s body and blood. As you come forward, form a semi-circle. There, we partake of the sacrament together with each other and the saints who have come before us. All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The pastor will give you bread, which you can eat as soon as you get it. If you wish to dip the bread into the chalice or drink from the chalice, do not take a grape juice cup or an empty cup. If you take an empty cup, the Server will pour some wine into it. After drinking the wine, put the empty cup in a tray by the side aisle on your way back to your seat, not back into the tray from which you took the empty cup.