



4th Sunday of Easter

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Welcome! Words in **bold** are said together. *There is no communion today.*

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen. Congregation: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! C: Amen.

*L: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. (pour water into font, **silence for reflection**)*

L: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, C: Amen.

Gathering Song – Lord, Be Glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Acts 2:42-47 p. 886

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 p. 435

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 right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I 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 my whole life long.

1 Peter 2:19-25 p. 984

¹⁹ For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1

*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

The holy Gospel according to *John*. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 10:1-10 p. 872

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the

sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

Sermon

David Ingram

Song of the Day – Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the pray'r of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today. *(Repeat 3x)*

Apostle's 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.

Prayers of God's People

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Offering

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- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at www.lordoflifeak.com/giving or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure.



Offering Song – Thank You (lyrics on screen)

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving p. 107

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

Invitation to Communion

L: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

L: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us, and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, C: Amen.

Announcements

- Have you checked the Lost & Found box in the entryway lately?
- Coming up: VBS June 15-19; Sept 13 GWOH Sunday

Closing Song – Days of Elijah

1. These are the days of Elijah declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"
Refrain: Behold, He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, the year of jubilee, And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes
2. And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David rebuilding a temple of praise
Oh, these are the days of the harvest, for the fields are as white in Your world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard declaring the word of the Lord! *Refrainx2*
3. Oh, we give glory to You, Lord (we worship You, Lord) You're the Lion of Judah
The Lamb who was slain (we worship You, Jesus) You're the God of Jacob
You're the God of Elijah (Lamb of God) You're the Lord God of Israel (oh, I praise You,
Lord)
You're the Lord God of the universe (You're the Lion of Judah)
You're God of Heaven and earth. Oh, Lord our King and our Redeemer, You are

Blessing

L: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **C: Thanks be to God.**

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