

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Sunday, May 11, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Prelude

#### Processional Hymn 174: “At the Lamb’s high feast we sing”

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred Blood for wine,  
gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
thou hast conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;  
thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4. Easter triumph, Easter joy, these alone do sin destroy.  
From sin's power do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise:  
risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be.

*Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell, alt.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Officiant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

#### Collect for Purity (BCP 355)

*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.

*People:*     **Amen.**

### **The Gloria (S 280, BCP 356)**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated  
at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are  
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of  
God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day (BCP 225, 357)**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:*     **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.

*People:*     **Amen.**

### **The Lessons (BCP 357)**

#### **The First Reading**

*Reader:*     A reading from the book of 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 23, Hymn 646: "The King of love my shepherd is"**

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

*Words: Henry Williams Baker*

### **The Second Reading**

*Reader:* A reading from the book of 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."

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn 708: "Savior, like a shepherd lead us" (v 1)**

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

### **The Gospel**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:22-30)

*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.

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

### **Sequence Hymn 708: "Savior, like a shepherd lead us" (v 2)**

2 Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

*Words: Hymns for the Young*

**Sermon** ..... The Rev. Dr. Mark W. Frazier

### **The Nicene Creed (BCP 358)**

*All:* **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.**

### **Prayers of the People, Form IV (BCP 388)**

*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage

and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant will offer a concluding collect.*

### **The Peace (BCP 360)**

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Offertory**

#### **Doxology (Hymn 380, v 3)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361)**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant:* But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

*Celebrant:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus S 124*

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."



*Celebrant:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All:*       **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

*All:*       **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer (BCP 364)**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All:*       **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:*   **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

*All:*       **My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come  
spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated  
from You. Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer (BCP 365)**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:*       **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.**

Fourfold Easter Blessing

### **Sending Hymn 213: “Come away to the skies”**

1       Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise  
and rejoice in the day thou wast born; on this festival day,  
come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.

- 2 Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days,  
by our heavenly Father bestowed, while his grace we receive  
from his bounty, and live to the honor and glory of God.
- 3 For the glory we were first created to share,  
both the nature and kingdom divine! Now created again  
that our lives may remain, throughout time and eternity thine.
- 4 We with thanks do approve the design of that love  
which hath joined us to Jesus' Name; so united in heart,  
let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
- 5 Hallelujah we sing, to our Father and King,  
and his rapturous praises, repeat: to the Lamb that was slain,  
hallelujah again, sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.

*Words: Anon., The Southern Harmony, 1835, alt.*

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Postlude**



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