

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 3, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am via Facebook Live

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Shepherd calls us by name and leads us to abundant life.

We hear your voice and hasten to follow.

The Shepherd prepares a table and lavishly pours out grace.

We hear your invitation and take our place at the feast.

The Shepherd gathers us in and welcomes us to the house of the Lord.

We hear your call and give you praise.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 246

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

*1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.*

*3. In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,*

*Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.*

*4. Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: May God be with you in worship there.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have gone astray, O Shepherd. You call us to follow, and we hear your voice. Yet, we choose to heed other voices whose promises are empty. Call to us again, O Shepherd. Summon us onto right paths to pursue justice in your name, to seek after the well-being of all. Lead us to the table you prepare for us— where rivals share both bread and blessings and discover there is enough for all.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

*THE GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581)

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (x3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23 (Hymn 473 *Shepherd Me, O God*)

Refrain Fm D^b A^b E^b

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

(Bm7) (C) (Am7) (Bm7) (Em)

Cm7 D^b B^bm7 Cm7 Fm

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Acts 2: 42-47

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Shelby Wooldridge, solo

RESIGNATION

*THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

...Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 372

O for a World

AZMON

- 1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*
- 2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*
- 3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*
- 4. The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.*
- 5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY