

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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Prelude:

"Rigaudon" "Prelude to a Te Deum" Élisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre Marc Antoine Charpentier

Opening Hymn

"At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

Hymn #174

THE WORD OF GOD

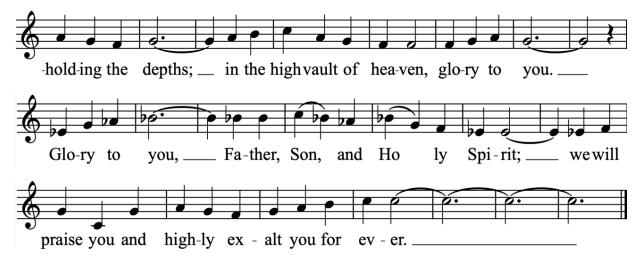
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say

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. **Amen.**





Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Collect

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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. **Amen.**

First Lesson (Acts 9:36-43)

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green as the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful water he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. Antiphon

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort Antiphon

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *Antiphon*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever. *Antiphon*

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The Second Lesson

(Revelation 7:9-17)

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation:

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.

<u>Sequence Hymn</u> "The King of love my shepherd is "

Hymn #645

The Gospel

(John 10:22-30)

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.PeopleGlory 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."

ReaderThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

Nicene Creed

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 VI

The Leader and People pray responsively In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For all public officials: Donald the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, and Cory the Mary of Racine. For this community, the nation, and the world; **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Matthew our Diocesan Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for the staff, volunteers, and guests of the Hospitality Center, Brown Bag ministry and Racine Vocational Ministries. And we pray for those who are sick [especially____]. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life [especially____].

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom [especially____].

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

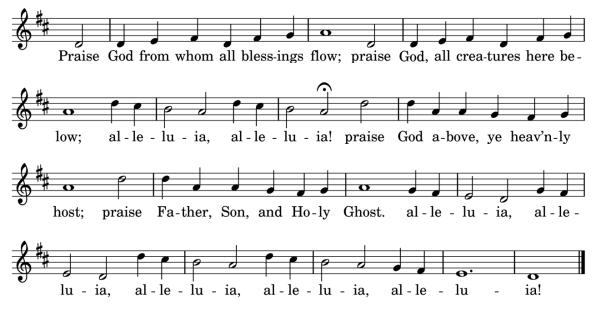
THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews* 13:15, 16

Offertory "The King of love my shepherd is" Gerhard Krapf

Doxology

Please Stand As the gifts are being brought forward, the people sing:

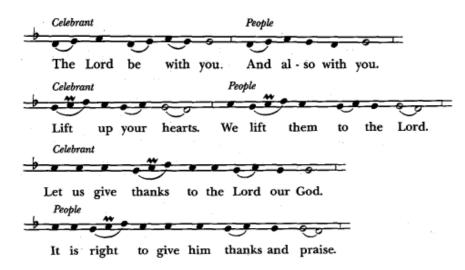


Text:Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.Music:"Lasst Uns Erfreuen", LM. al: Geistliche Kerchengesange, Cologne, 1623.

Celebrant:All things come of Thee, O LordPeople:And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

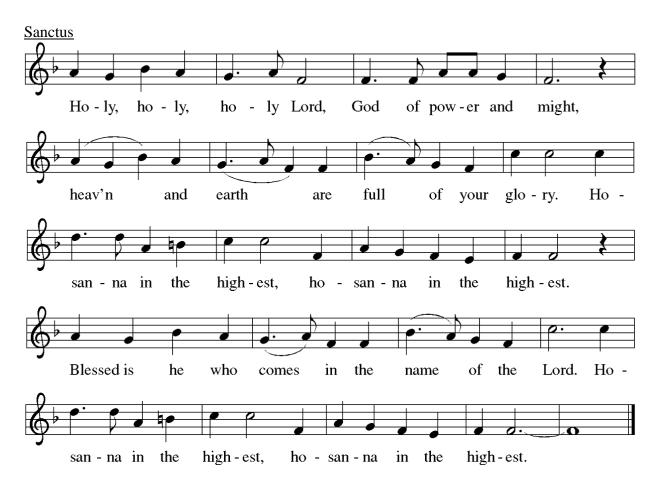
Eucharistic Prayer A



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

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

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



The people may kneel or stand

Then the Celebrant continues

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 . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



The Celebrant continues

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 . . .

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 forever.



The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People: ... õ ed Our hea -Fa - ther, who art in ven, hal - low thy king dom come, thy will be done, be thy Name. on earth it is in hea Give us this day our as ven. R. dai ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses, ö 0 for - give those who And lead a - gainst tres - pass us. as we . tion, but de liv ÷ er us temp - ta in us not to

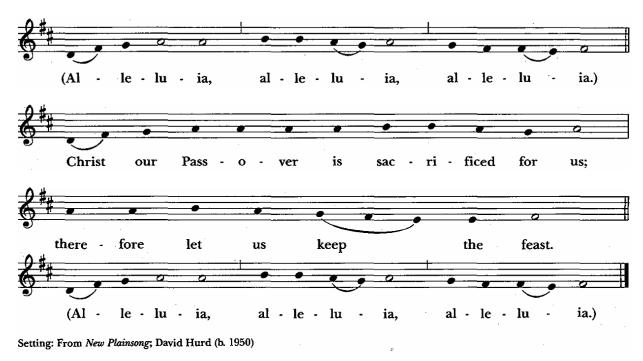


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Fraction

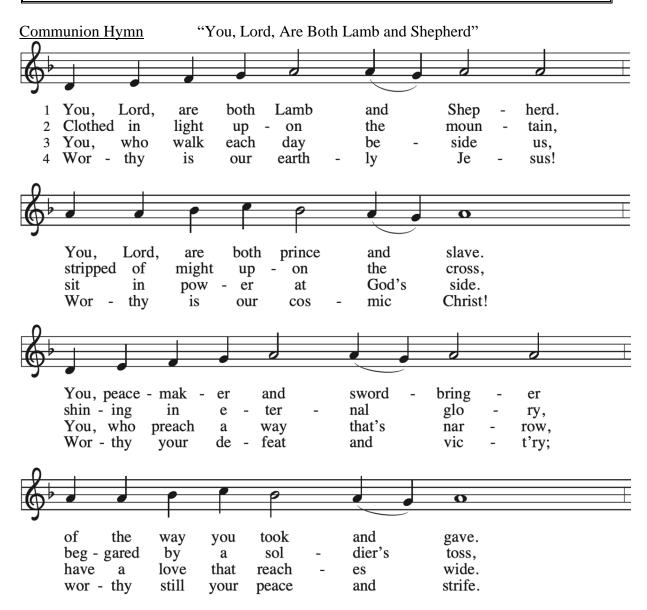
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

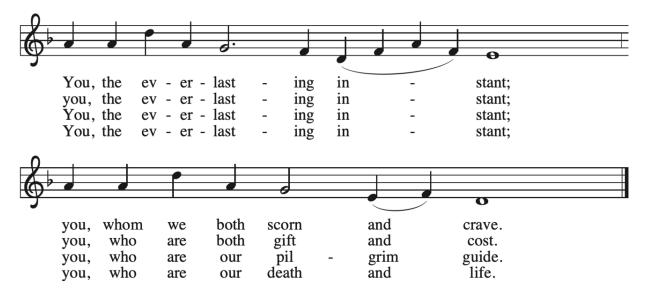
A period of silence is kept.



Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine. For a gluten free host, please come to the celebrant and place your thumb in your palm.





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Post-communion Prayer

The people kneel, if able.

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant	(Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).
People	May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of
	Christ's presence.
Celebrant	May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that
	community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.
All	Amen.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn	"Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing"	Hymn #334
<u>Dismissal</u>		
Deacon People	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia .	
Postlude	"Allegro maestoso" (from Organ Sonata No. 2)	Felix Mendelssohn

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYE: Zar Telfeyan

ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Ganzel

FIRST READER: Becky Turk

SECOND READER: Mick Burke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Tricia Frost

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Chris Schatzman

USHERS: Tricia Frost, Debbie Bruno

CANTOR: Victoria Vollman

COFFEE HOUR: St. Monica's Guild

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Men of the Church

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Olivia, Bill, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Michele, Gregory **Homebound**: Barbara, Jeanne

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Wisconsin Brown Bag Ministry Hospitality Center Racine Vocational Ministry The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

For Those who have Departed: Al Ellingham

Thanksgiving for Birthday: Bill

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Haiti Project.** Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the service of current and past members, by Cindy Ganzel

Garden Angels Make a Plea

The Garden Angels who plant the beautiful flowers in our showpiece garden have asked for donations to purchase flowers for the Spring/Summer planting. If you can contribute to this wonderful cause, see Debbie Bruno or mail donation to the church office. On memo write "Garden Flowers." Thank you!

Brown Bag Lunch Date Change

Please note that due to a conflict the date of the Saturday May 31 brown bag lunches will change to Saturday, May 24. This is also Memorial Day weekend and will likely help those with insecure food sources who may be affected by holiday closings. Help is needed from St. Luke's parishioners as far as providing lunch items and preparing lunches for distribution. Please contact Tricia Frost if you are able to help on Saturday, May 24.

Announcement!

Ed and Kathy McCarthy will be received into the Episcopal Church at a Regional Confirmation and Reception Service, taking place at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1717 Church St, Wauwatosa WI 53213 on May 18 at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to join and show support. If you cannot attend in person, please offer your prayers as we officially welcome our friends into our church.

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BLESSINGS! TO ALL THE MOTHER'S TODAY



Happy Mother's Day

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