



Sunday, April 30, 2023 –Fourth Sunday of Easter

Processional

Hail, thou once despis'd Jesus

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- 1. Hail, thou once despis'd Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.*
- 2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid: by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood: opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.*
- 3. Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide; all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side. There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.*
- 4. Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive; highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise; help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!*

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

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.**

Song of Praise

Glory to God

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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.

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. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 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, 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.

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

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 beside still waters.**
3. He revives 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 life, ***and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 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.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

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. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls..

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

Gospel Hymn **The day of resurrection!** **H 210**

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10:1-10
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Reverend Rick O'Brien

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 - Great Fifty Days of Easter

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray,

Leader: Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships.

Leader: Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy, For the many lay people who serve the church, and serve the world through the church. For those who gather here in worship and prayer.

Leader: Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Leader: Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle, remembering especially, _____ That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores, and remembering those who have died, especially: _____

Leader: Risen Lord, *People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord Christ Jesus, through your death on the cross and resurrection from the grave you have made of us a new people, giving us the knowledge of the joy of eternal life. Fill us with faith and give us the courage to go into the world and share this renewal of life with all that we meet. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: And also with you

Offertory Anthem

When I Am Lifted Up
The Epiphanotes

Craig Courtney

Presentation Hymn Ye watchers and ye holy ones

*O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Holy Communion

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.

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 Pascal 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:

Holy, holy, holy

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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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

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

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.

Fraction Anthem

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion:

My Shepherd will supply my need

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1. My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

2. *When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.*

3. *The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

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.

The Blessing

Recessional

The King of love my shepherd is

H 645

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.*

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.*

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Calendar		
Tuesday	9 AM	Tuesday Tune-up – Scripture reflections from our clergy on Facebook and YouTube
Wednesday	10:45 AM	Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group at St. Timothy's – contact Gary Hails at 702-884-7050
Thursday	7 PM	Centering Prayer (Zoom – an oasis of quiet contemplation done together with time for silent reflection) Contact lauracanon@yahoo.com

Friday	10 AM	Morning Prayer (<i>live in our chapel– led by Daughters of the King</i>)
Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist (Live – spoken, contemplative)
	9 AM	Faith Matters (Live and Facebook)
	9:45 AM	Church School for youth, nursery care is available as well
	10 AM	Holy Eucharist (Live and live stream) A lively, family friendly service with music

World Labyrinth Day May 6

World Labyrinth Day is Saturday, May 6th. Join Rick and Jen in walking our Labyrinth at 8:30 AM. People from all over the world will be walking Labyrinths as a way to promote peace and understanding

Helping hands of Epiphany May 6

Helping Hands of Epiphany will have its first meeting on Saturday May 6th at 9:30 am, following the Labyrinth walk. Helping hands of Epiphany is a new ministry group meeting to enjoy time in fellowship and to assist the church with miscellaneous projects. Refreshments will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex

Bishop Elizabeth Homecoming May 14

Mark your calendar and join us on May 14 for Bishop Elizabeth homecoming. Bishop Elizabeth will preside over both services. Do not miss this special day.

Friends in the Desert

Friends in the Desert is in need of men's Denim Jeans (may be used but clean), 8 ounce Styrofoam cups, and there is a critical shortage of blankets (Does not have to be new, just clean). Any questions contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050. Thank you for your support.

Refugee Resettlement Needs

Won't you help our newest Outreach Program? Each month Epiphany will have a bin for Refugee Resettlement items. April needs are Sheets, blankets, pillows and Cereal See Betty-Jeanne and Kristen for more details or Questions

St. Jude's Ranch Collection For April, St Jude's is collecting baby things..Some new babies have arrived on campus so diapers, nursery items, wipes. etc.