Order of Worship For The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

> The peace of the Lord be with you always! And also with you!

KYRIE

(from the ELW, pages 140-141) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ the Lamb, who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign, alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER

O God, our shepherd, You know Your sheep by name and lead us safely through the valley of death. Guide us in life by Your voice, so that we may walk in the security of doing Your will; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

> SONG "I See You"

READING

1st Peter 2:19-25 The lesson for today is from Peter's first letter, chapter two, verses nineteen through twenty-five. Peter writes:

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.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-11 The Gospel reading is from John, chapter ten, verses one through eleven. Jesus proclaims:

"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. ¹¹ I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

> CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Hearing God's Voice" Rev. David Hewitt

MESSAGE "On Call to Live the Abundant Life" Rev. David Hewitt

HYMN "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" ELW 611

OFFERING

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> > HYMN "We Are an Offering" ELW 692

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION For those worshipping in-house,

we invite you to come forward if you wish. If you prefer to take communion at your seat, you may so.

For those worshipping online,

If you are able, we invite you to take communion where you are.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and peace, now and forever. Amen!

SONG "To Know You More"

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you God's peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDNG SONG "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

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