

Easter Season Worship (4 Easter)

Song: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid and home, rejoicing, brought me

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

Thous spreadst a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth
And oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

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. *Amen.*

Song of Praise: Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)

You hear me when I call, you are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear?
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in your name, for you alone can save
You will deliver me, yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in your hands
I'm holding on to your promises
You are faithful, you are faithful
And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in your hands
I'm holding on to your promises
You are faithful, you are faithful, you are faithful

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine
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Collect of the Day:

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 Reading: A reading from the Book of Acts

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

The Psalm: 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.

The Epistle: A Reading from First Peter

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

Song: I Love You Lord

I love you, Lord and I lift my voice
To worship you, oh my soul rejoice
Take joy my king in what you hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

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 III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and

humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and

Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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 for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Song: Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

How can it be, the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death, sing, sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive he stands, their friend and King, Christ, Christ is risen

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, oh sing hallelujah

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, oh sing hallelujah

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed

The power that raised him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save

He frees our hearts to live his grace; go tell of his goodness

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, oh sing hallelujah

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed