



A Liturgy of the Word Fourth Sunday of Easter

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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

Processional Hymn

**1 Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,
first-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong Defender,
liftest up Thy people's head.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Jesus, true and living Bread!**

**3 Paschal Lamb! Thine off'ring finished
once for all when Thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall forevermore remain.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.**

**5 Life-imparting heav'nly Manna,
stricken Rock, with streaming side,
heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
worship Thee, the Lamb who died.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!**

**2 Prince of Life, for us Thou livest,
by Thy body souls are healed;
Prince of Peace, Thy peace Thou givest,
by Thy blood is pardon sealed.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Word of God in flesh revealed.**

**4 Great High Priest of our profession,
through the oil Thou ent'redst in;
by Thy mighty intercession
grace and mercy Thou dost win.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Only sacrifice for sin.**

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Introductory Rite

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together
to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace
to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week
to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

REFRAIN

*Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest!,*



*and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. (REFRAIN)

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. (REFRAIN)

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. (REFRAIN) **Amen.**

Artist: Dan Schutte

The Kyrie

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

**Nkosi yiba nenceba x3
Kristu yiba nenceba x3
Nkosi yiba nenceba x3**

The Penitence

*Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.*

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**



Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent;
have mercy on you, pardon your sins and set you free from them,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord is our light and our life.

O come, let us worship.

The Collect

**Good Shepherd, you assured us
that no one will ever snatch us out of your hand:
grant that all who hear your voice
may know you who calls us each by name,
and follow where you lead;
for you live and reign
in the unity of the Blessed Trinity,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

The Word of God

Acts 9: 36-43

The Psalm

Sung by: Ven. Moses Thabethe

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,
I will trust I will trust in you
And I will trust in You alone,
I will trust I will trust in you

For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.
He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Revelation 7: 9-17



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Open our hearts of Lord
To listen to the words of your Son

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Gospel Reading

John 10: 22-30

The Sermon

Revd Margaret Place

Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

In the knowledge of God's love and willingness to hear our prayers, we pray to you, Good Shepherd of our souls. Good Shepherd, lead your universal church and its leaders (bishops, priests, deacons and lay leaders) through their daily lives, especially when they walk through the wilderness times, to those green pastures where your church might feed on your abundant provision and be a source of strength to others in need of nurture and comfort. Lord, in your mercy ; **hear our prayer**



Good Shepherd, we pray for those in positions of authority and leadership; that they do not misuse their powers but respect and care for all their peoples and for the natural resources of their countries. Help us to learn from one another's cultures and respect one another's differences.

Lord, in your mercy ; **hear our prayer**

Good Shepherd, our rock and redeemer, you are our comfort and strength in times of stress and tribulation. We continue to pray for the people of KwaZulu-Natal that you would fill them with your grace and peace in their distress over the devastation they suffered. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill them with the hope of your new creation.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Good Shepherd, within your embrace we find comfort and healing. We bring to you those who are weak, or struggling with physical, mental or spiritual health. You are the great healer, and we pray for healing of mind and body for those we now name in the silence of our hearts...

Lord, in your mercy ; **hear our prayer**

Good Shepherd, we thank You, for the gift of life, of love and of care that come from You, wrapped in our mothers and step-moms, in our grand-moms, great-grandmas, daughters, sisters, aunts and all those who have loved with a mother's care. We're grateful for the good gifts they've given us, the lessons taught and learned. The late nights and early mornings given in love. Bless all the special women in our lives.

Lord, in your mercy ; **hear our prayer**

Good Shepherd, you watch over us; leading us through the barren places, to the place of your safety, that we might gladly lie down in peace. Be especially close to all those who through the loss of a loved one are now in a barren place; give them comfort and reassurance and help them to remember that your son Jesus Christ put an end to death by his resurrection to eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy ; **hear our prayer**

Gracious God,
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask in the name of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

God of beauty and bounty: we offer these gifts as tokens of our dedication and gratitude to you, God and Father of all. Where they are able, may they enrich the lives of those in need and may they empower the work of ministry for your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sung by: Ven Moses Thabethe

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowéd be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, hallowéd be Thy name,
Hallowéd be Thy name.

On earth as it is in heaven, hallowéd be Thy name.
Give us this day our daily bread, hallowéd be Thy name,
Hallowéd be Thy name.

Forgive us our tresspasses, hallowéd be Thy name,
As we forgive those who trespass against us, hallowéd be Thy name,
Lead us not into temptation, hallowéd be Thy name,
But deliver us from all that is evil, hallowéd be Thy name,
Hallowéd be Thy name.



For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, hallowéd be Thy name.
For ever and for ever and ever, hallowéd be Thy name,
Hallowéd be Thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowéd be Thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so, hallowéd be Thy name,
Hallowéd be Thy name.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for this sacred time and space.
Although we may be apart, we are grateful for the opportunity
to be joined with our brothers and sisters in worship.
Above all, we give thanks for the opportunity to spend time
in your presence. As we draw the week to a close and begin
a new one, may your abiding peace remain in us throughout
the coming week, and may we be guided by your will and your wisdom.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Wherever you may find yourselves in this coming week
may you walk in the Way of Christ,
sharing the Messiah's good news.

In whatever way you choose to give witness
to Christ' resurrection during this Easter season,
may you be prepared to spread the message of salvation
abroad, and to be Christ's witnesses.
May you be known and identified as Christ' followers
in the way you serve, and in the way you love.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia

Recessional Hymn

**1 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.**



2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents
may hear, so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

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