

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 April, 2024

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

359 Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**Jesus, the name high over all,
in hell, or earth, or sky:
angels and mortals prostrate fall,
and devils fear and fly.**

**Jesus, the name to sinners dear,
the name to sinners giv'n;
it scatters all their guilty fear,
it turns their hell to heav'n.**

**Jesus, the pris'ner's fetters breaks,
and bruises Satan's head;
pow'r into strengthless souls he speaks,
and life into the dead.**

**O, that the world might taste and see
the riches of his grace!
The arms of love that compass me,
hold all the human race.**

**His only righteousness I show,
his saving grace proclaim:
'tis all my business here below
to cry: 'Behold the Lamb!'**

**Happy, if with my latest breath
I may but gasp his name:
preach him to all, and cry in death:
Behold, behold the Lamb!**

A prayer for purity of heart

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Invitation to Confession

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The Kyrie is sung:

**Lord have mercy;
Christ have mercy;
Lord have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung:

**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.**

The Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 4.5–12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked

how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.” There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will 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 shall be full.

**6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

1 John 3.16–24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have

boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

432 Jane Elizabeth Leeson (1809-1881)

**Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep me, Lord, in safety keep;
nothing can thy pow'r withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.**

**Loving Shepherd, thou didst give
thine own life that I might live;
may I love thee day by day,
gladly thy sweet will obey.**

**Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach me still thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.**

**Where thou leadest may I go,
walking in thy steps below;
then, before thy Father's throne,
Jesu, claim me for thine own.**

The Gospel John 10.11–18

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The 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 from the Holy Spirit
and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

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

And at the end

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

During the singing of the hymn, the collection will be received:

87 Latin (before 9th century) trans. John Chandler (1806-1876)

**Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heav'n are filled:
on his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.**

**O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise**

the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim in joyful song,
both loud and long, that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious show'r on all who pray
each holy day thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heav'n
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once giv'n,
be with us evermore,
until that day when all the blest
to endless rest are called away.

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
He gave you thanks, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with St. Andrew and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is sung:

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*We are now offering both bread and wine at communion. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in just the consecrated bread, so please do not worry if you would prefer not to receive the wine. Indeed, if you have not been or are not feeling well, we would ask you not to receive the wine. **Please do not intinct** (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection. The administrant will only offer you the cup to drink from.*

*Мы снова причащаем наших прихожан хлебом и вином. Церковь учит нас, что Святое Причастие полностью заключается в одном освящённом хлебе. Так что, если вы не хотите причащаться вином, не смущайтесь —вы в праве этого не делать. Более того, если вы только что болели или всё ещё нездоровы, мы просим вас не причащаться вином. Пожалуйста, **не обмакивайте облатку в Чаше**, так как это может увеличить риск распространения инфекции. Чаша даётся только для того, чтобы отпить из неё.*

Post-communion collect:

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your spirit

**to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*15 Edward Perronet 0726-1792) adapted by Michael Forster (b. 1946) ©
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**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem**

**and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, all martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,
and crown him ...**

**O prophets faithful to his Word,
in matters great and small,
Who made his voice of justice heard,
now crown him ...**

**All sinners, now redeemed by grace,
who heard your Saviour's call,
now robed in light before his face,**

O crown him ...

**Let every tribe and every race
who heard the freedom call,
in liberation, see Christ's face,**

and crown him ...

**Let every people, every tongue
to him their heart enthral:
lift high the universal song**

and crown him ...

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer

A link to the **Bible** app www.bible.com/app

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