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Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, 11th May 2025, 10:30

A Service of Morning Prayer  
Online and Gathered Service



*The Good Shepherd. Mosaic. Mausoleum of Galla Placidia. Ravenna, Italy.*

# Prelude

## Opening Hymn

*Alleluia, alleluia*

H.191

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:  
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,  
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,  
4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.  
3 which with all its full a - bun - dant at his sec - ond com - ing yield:  
4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:  
3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,  
4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.  
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.  
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: *Lux eoi*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

## Opening Sentence

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Belovèd in Christ,

Let us praise and worship God who has called us together.

Let us celebrate God's majesty,  
 and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins  
 and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,  
 we can allow God's word to speak to us,  
 and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,  
 we pray for others as well as for ourselves,  
 and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

**All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us  
 of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.**

Hear these words of scripture.

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. (*John 4.24*)

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,  
 opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,  
 and in the world you have created.**

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

### Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
Amen.

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.  
And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.


### Invitatory Canticle                      Christ our Passover

(1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.


*Antiphon*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves as dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

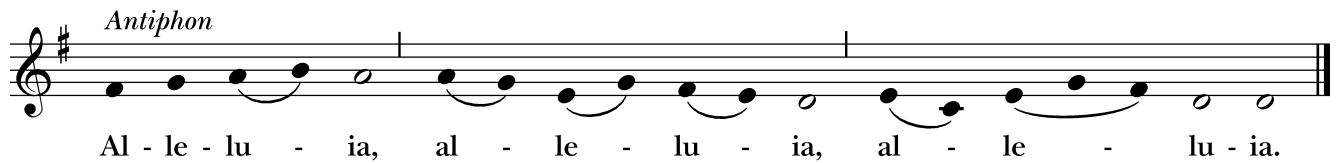
*Antiphon*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death,  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.



## 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 First Lesson

## Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and

widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

### Canticle A Song to the Lamb (Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10,13)

Splendor and honor and kingly power  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is,  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation,  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,  
for ever and for evermore.



1. Splen - dor and hon-or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,

### The Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
Thanks be to God.

### Gradual Hymn

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

H.708

(we sing verse 1 before the Gospel and verse 2 after)

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.

## The Gospel

John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow



me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

Rev Michael Rusk

**Profession of Faith**

*Deacon:* Let us affirm together our faith in Jesus Christ.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by 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.**

**The Prayers**

*Officiant:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, forever and ever. Amen.**

**V. Help us, O God our Savior;**

**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

**V. Look upon your congregation;**

**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

### **The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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 Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

#### **Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

#### **Offertory Anthem**

*Come risen Lord*

George Wallace Briggs  
Music by Orlando Gibbons

1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
thyself at thine own board make manifest,  
in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.

2 We meet as in that upper room they met;  
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:  
'This is my body': so thou givest yet;  
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

3 One body we, one body who partake,  
one church united in communion blessed;  
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

4 One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,  
who art one Saviour and one living Head;  
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;  
be known to us in breaking of the bread.

### **Concluding Collect**

Holy and ever-living God,  
 by your power we are created  
 and by your love we are redeemed;  
 Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
 that we may give ourselves to your service,  
 and live each day in love to one another and to you,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Announcements

### The Grace

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

### Hymn

*The king of love my shepherd is*

H.646

*Descant*

6 And so through all the length of days thy

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
 \* 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy

6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant  
 3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.  
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

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.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *Dominus regit me*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); desc. David Willcocks (b. 1919). Descant by permission of Oxford University Press.

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Postlude

*This service is taken from Enriching our Worship and the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book.*



The flowers are generously given by Debbie Groby and David Pittuck

### Today's Ministers:

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**Prayer List:** This week, we are praying for Alice, Anne, Bob, Brad and Marietta, Damien, Emilie, Erik, Eva, Geraldine, Yan and Jacqueline, Julien, Kristina, Lesley, Margaret, Marguerite, Milki, Patricia, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Sandrine, Silvia and her parents, Soheir, and Zéli.

**In the Convocation Prayer Cycle,** this week we pray for The Council of Anglican/Episcopal Churches in Germany (CAECG); The Rev. Christopher Easthill, Convenor.

**Annual General Meeting:** Today's service will be followed by the AGM. All are invited to remain and participate in this important meeting in the life of our parish.

**Note on the art. Cover:** The Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, in Ravenna, Italy, was built between 425 and 450 and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Laid out in a cruciform floor plan, the interior is covered with rich mosaics. This mosaic is above the North Entrance. The figure of the Good Shepherd and pastoral scenes were familiar to Christian thought; depictions of a young man bearing on his shoulders a sheep were known in the ancient world from the 6th century BC and was adopted from the late 3rd century AD into Christian art, especially in funerary contexts. The shepherd was understood to represent Christ, as in John 10:11-17 and Luke 15:4-7. Here the beardless figure of the shepherd is in imperial garb, wearing purple and gold and bearing a cruciform staff in place of the usual shepherd's crook.

(Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mausoleum\\_of\\_Galla\\_Placidia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mausoleum_of_Galla_Placidia).)

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### *Mission Statement*

*Living as Emmanuel, God with us, we are called to recognize the presence of God within ourselves, in each other, and in the world; to share our spiritual journey; to gather as a Eucharistic community to receive God's grace and to equip one another to be the radiant presence of Christ as we go out into the world.*

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