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The 4th Sunday of Easter

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*Welcome to worship – May you experience the Presence of Christ this morning,
and walk through this week with His peace and gentle love.*

WE REALIZE OUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us
and calls us, who unites us and sends us. **C: Amen.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

P: Mighty and loving God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the
body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of
our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN *ELW* NO. 821 "Shout to the Lord" (2x)**

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty
love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship
you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise to the king. Mountains bow down and the
seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever
I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

P: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the uplifting love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit be
with you all. **And also with you.**

P: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God

to Refrain

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er.

to Refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new.

to Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: O God our shepherd you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING from Acts 2:42-47

L: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING from 1 Peter 2: 19-25

L: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord To Whom Shall We Go"

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL READING from John 10:1-10

P: The gospel of the Lord C: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

HYMN OF THE DAY *ELW* NO. 632 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

O God in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

THE APOSTLES' CREED -

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

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

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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 THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

P: Because we are so blessed, we offer our gifts back to God with grateful hearts. We invite you to, if able, mail your envelopes to church or to keep using your bank institutions for your offerings.

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LORD’S PRAYER**

BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN *ELW* NO. 537 “On Our Way Rejoicing”**

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without our safety; Christ within our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful heart we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore on our way rejoicing now and evermore. R

DISMISSAL

P: Go, serve the Lord, and may his peace be with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

SHARE THE PEACE OF GOD