

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING SONG

## GREETING

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

## OPENING HYMN

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (vs. 1,3,4)*

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Loving Lord, Your followers were faithful even in the face of strong opposition. Give us their courage and conviction to be worthy proclaimers of the Gospel of grace, in Jesus' name, amen.**

## FIRST READING:

*Acts 17:1-9*

Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 142

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 217

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## \*GOSPEL:

Mark 13:9-11

Pew Bible New Testament Pg.51

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Lord I Lift Your Name On High*

**Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross,  
My debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 CHURCH**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Empowering God, **Hear our prayer**

We offer these prayers to your safekeeping, and trust that you have heard us, for the sake of our risen savior Jesus Christ, **amen**.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

### **SENDING HYMN**

How Great Thou Art

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

**REFRAIN:** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!  
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

**REFRAIN**

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin;

**REFRAIN**

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

**REFRAIN**

## **DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen, just as he said! Share the good news – safely and with appropriate social distancing! Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## **POSTLUDE**