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Easter 4

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through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome:

Notices: **May 5th:** PWRDF Youth Council Visit & Vestry meeting; **May 19th:** Pentecost & Baptism; **June 2nd:** PRIDE Parade, Afternoon Service & BBQ; **June 16th:** Baptism & Father's Day

Opening Sentence

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me. John 10.14

Opening Hymn #93 (GB)

saviour, like a shepherd lead us

The Gathering of the Community

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

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you 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;

The Gloria

Gloria (clap, clap), Gloria (clap, clap),
 In excelsis Deo
 Gloria (clap, clap), Gloria (clap, clap),
 In excelsis Deo

Lord God, heavenly King,
 Peace you bring to us;
 We worship you, we give you thanks,
 We sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 You take away our sins, O Lord,
 Have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,
 Lord, receive our prayer,
 For you alone are the Holy One
 And you alone are Lord.

Glory Father and Son,
 Glory Holy Spirit,
 To you we raise our hands up high,
 We glorify your name.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st Reading - Acts 4:5-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm - Psalm 23

23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

23:3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever. **Amen**

2nd Reading -1 John 3:16-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #75 (GB)

my shepherd is the living lord

The Gospel - John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

ReflectionAffirmation of Faith

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.
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 for the Community

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud.

Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember • the persecuted • the oppressed peoples of the world; • all who are lonely; • all who are near to death and • all who are facing loss.

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,
"Hear us, Lord of glory!"

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

Through the resurrection of your son, O God, you destroy the power of death and remove your people's shame. By the power of the Spirit, raise us from sin and seat us at the paschal feast, that we may rejoice in the gift of salvation Jesus has won for us. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.
Silence is kept.

Merciful Creator God,
You have searched us out and known us; the hopes we hold and the sins that cling to us. The hurts we absorb and ferment; the tears we both cause and shed.

We stand before you: all that we have been and all that we are, knowing that only in You are we truly known as the ones You would have us be.

Forgive us and guide us to face ourselves, and respect each other with dignity, that we might welcome with You the gifts and challenges that Your new creation brings, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

May God our Great Creator have mercy upon you, and cleanse your hearts of all stain from sin and brokenness, that you may walk with Jesus along the good road, His holy way.
Amen.

The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn #428 (CP)

God who gives to life its goodness

Doxology - 666 (CP)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye Heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Prayer Over the Gifts

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd
Amen

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of heaven and earth;
 we give you thanks and praise
 for the glorious resurrection of your Son
 Jesus Christ our Lord;
 for he is the true paschal lamb
 who has taken away the sin of the world.
 By his death he destroyed death,
 and by his rising to life again
 he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices
 with the whole company of heaven,
 we sing our joyful hymn of praise
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth of your glory are full.
 Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord.**

Repeat

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth of your glory are full.
 Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
 for the goodness and love
 you have made known to us in creation;
 in calling Israel to be your people;
 in your Word spoken through the prophets;
 and above all in the Word made flesh,
 Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
 to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
 In him, you have delivered us from evil,
 and made us worthy to stand before you.
 In him, you have brought us
 out of error into truth,
 out of sin into righteousness,
 out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
 to suffering and death
 a death he freely accepted,
 our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
 and when he had given thanks to you,
 he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
 and said, "Take, eat:
 this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
 and when he had given thanks,
 he gave it to them,
 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.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**we remember his death,
 we proclaim his resurrection,
 we await his coming in glory;**
 and we offer our sacrifice of praise and
 thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to
 you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and
daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you

The Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

Hymn - Lamb of God

**Lamb of God You Take Away The Sins Of the
World, Have Mercy on Us**

**Lamb of God You Take Away The Sins Of the
World, Have Mercy on Us**

**Lamb of God You Take Away the Sins of the
World, Grant Us Peace, Grant Us Peace**

Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church
redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who
share in these holy mysteries come safely to your
eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and
one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Benediction

May the God of peace who raised from the dead
our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you
with everything good that you may do his will,
working in you that which is pleasing in his sight.
And the blessing of the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit, be with you, uphold and strengthen
you, and grant you favour in all that you do,
now and always. **Amen**

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
 can do infinitely more
 than we can ask or imagine.**
**Glory to God from generation to generation,
 in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sunday SchoolClosing Hymn #73 (GB)

Jesus the Christ said

Dismissal

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Go Forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And be what you are, the church in the World.

Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!

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