



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Order for Morning Prayer

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

Opening Sentences

Officiant Alleluia. ✝ Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

Confession of Sin

¶ The Officiant says


Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

¶ Officiant and People, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,

according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ The Officiant alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution  and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

¶ People Amen.

¶ All stand

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

¶ All say the Pascha nostrum together, as follows

Alleluia;

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *
death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *
and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, *
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

¶ All are then seated for the Psalm appointed for the day

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

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

He shall feed me in a green pasture, *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; *
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

¶ At the conclusion of the Psalmody the Gloria Patri is said by all

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

The Lessons

The First Lesson

ACTS 2:42-47

THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle

Canticle *Cantemus Domino*

EXODUS 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; *
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and song, *
and he is become my salvation:

He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; *
my father's God and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war: *
the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: *
his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

The depths have covered them:*
they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: *
thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods?*
who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, *
the earth swallowed them.

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: *
thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them *
in the mountain of thine inheritance,

In the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in; *
in the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and ever.

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

¶ All are seated

JESUS SAID, “TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

¶ *Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

Canticle *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise thee, O God;
 we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
 All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
 To thee all Angels cry aloud,
 the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
 To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
 The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
 The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
 The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
 The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
 the Father, of an infinite majesty, thine adorable, true, and only Son,
 also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
 Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
 thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
 When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
 thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
 We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
 in glory everlasting.

¶ All remain standing for the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed

¶ Said by the Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, †
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

¶ The Officiant and People say the following

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

¶ Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is said by all, kneeling

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.
Amen.

¶ *Then follow these Suffrages, said by the Officiant and People*

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
People And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
People And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People For only in thee can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let thy way be known upon earth;
People Thy saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

The Collects

O GOD, WHOSE SON JESUS is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

O GOD, WHO MAKEST US GLAD with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

¶ Said by the Officiant and People together

ALmighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants do give
thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to
us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

¶ Said by the Officiant

ALmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make
our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved
Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be
best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life
everlasting. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ All stand

Benedicamus Domino

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

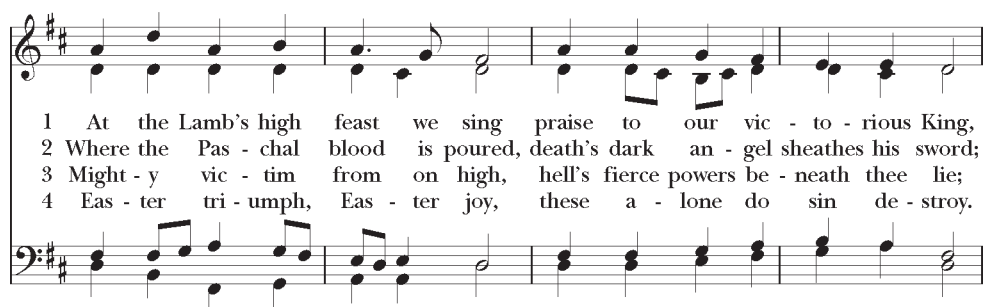
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Grace

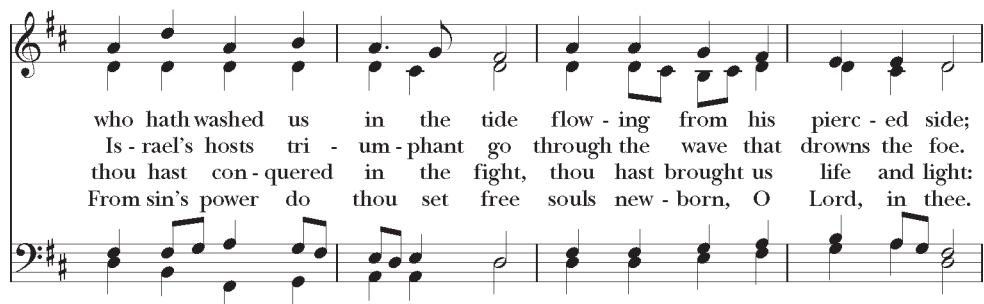
¶ Officiant

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

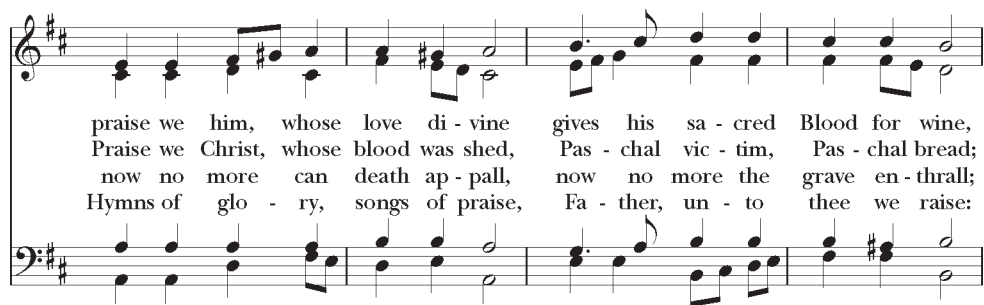
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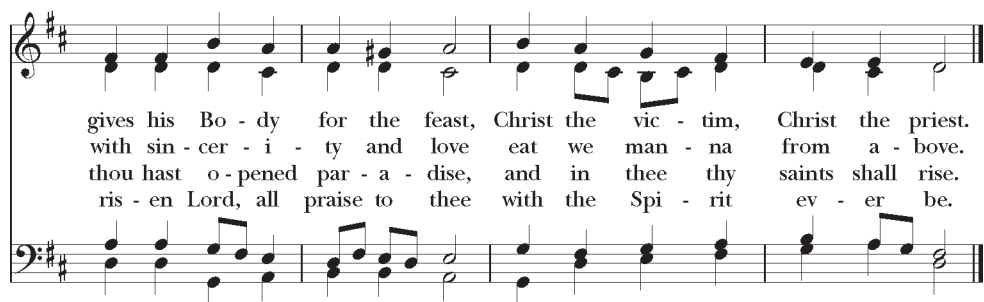
1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light;
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.

Music: Salzburg, melody by Jakob Hintze (1622-1702), harm. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Closing Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

¶ *All kneel*

¶ *Then Prayers and Intercessions are offered*

The Easter Blessing

MAY ALMIGHTY GOD, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

¶ *People Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. ¶ *People Amen.*

And the blessing ✝ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

Liturgical Music

The opening organ voluntary is *Flûtes* drawn from the *Premire Suite for Organ* by Jean Guilain (c.1680-1739). It was recorded on the organ of Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut by Robert Lehman.

The hymn, “At the Lamb’s high feast we sing” was recorded at an Eastertide service at Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut.

The closing voluntary is the beginning of an improvisation on “At the Lamb’s high feast we sing.” It was recorded at Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut and is played by Robert Lehman, Organist and Choirmaster.



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