

ST. MARK'S PARISH
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

April 21, 2024



*"I am the
good shepherd."*

J O H N 1 0 : 1 1

WELCOME to ST. MARK'S!

Thank you for joining us in our worship of Almighty God. We are glad that you are here and trust that you will meet the Lord Jesus Christ in today's worship. May God bless you richly with his grace.

ABOUT ST. MARK'S

St. Mark's Church is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Ft. Worth (Anglican) and the Anglican Church in North America. We are part of the Anglican Tradition – a worldwide fellowship of churches that trace their history to the Reformation in England. Rooted in both the evangelical and catholic traditions, we teach faithful adherence to Holy Scripture, the need for repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, faithful administration of the Sacraments, and dutiful worship of our Lord God. We are an active parish with Christian formation for all ages, including Sunday School for children and adults, Bible studies, and evening programs, energetic children's ministries, great opportunities for youth, adult fellowship groups, multiple outreach programs and choral support for Sundays, major feasts, and special liturgies. Our commitments include generous support of mission activities around the world.

EASTERTIDE

The Sunday of the Resurrection known in western countries as Easter and in the eastern as Pascha, commemorates the pivotal moment in human history when the power of sin and death was destroyed forever. All who now trust in the mercy of God, made available in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, celebrate the glorious hope of our own resurrection day. During Eastertide we celebrate the days our risen Lord spent with his disciples preparing them to go into all the world as He now calls us to the same.

SERVICE PREPARATION

Prior to the beginning of the service, you are invited to spend some time in preparation in order to worship our Lord God, asking God to open your heart, mind, and body (strength) to Him in order that you may fully participate in worship of Him. The following, or some other prayer, can be used.

Kneel and Pray

✠In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed Lord, who called me into Your Church, help me to worship You fully, joining in all the service. Keep me from vain and wandering thoughts that I may concentrate my mind on Your message of pardon, duty and love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

O Lord Jesus, I am sorry for all the wrong things that I have done and for all the things I have left undone because they wound You. Forgive me and help me to fight against the world, the flesh and the devil. Amen.

O Savior of the world, who by Your Cross and precious Blood has redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly pray. Amen.

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The Order for the Administration of
The Lord's Supper
Or
Holy Communion
Anglican Standard Rite
(Traditional Language)
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
THE PRELIMINARY RITE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on "St. Columba"

Healey Willan

PROCESSION

The King of love my shepherd is
Henry Williams Baker

Hymnal 645
St. Columba

OPENING ACCLAMATION

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

The people standing, the Celebrant says/ chants

Alleluia, ✠Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Kathy Fox Powell

Celebrant: Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ri - sen!

People: The Lord is ri-sen in-deed; Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prov. 15.11; Ps. 51.10; Rm 2.16

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

The Celebrant then says:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Richard Shephard, "The Tisbury Service" (SJMP License 7786)

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

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Glo - ry be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we
wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee for
thy great glo - ry, O Lord God heav'n - ly King,
God the Fath - er Al - migh - ty. O Lord, the on - ly - be -
got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fath - er, that tak - est a way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a way the sins of the world, re -
ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the
Fath - er, have mer - cy up on us. For thou on - ly art ho - ly;
thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art the
most high in the glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Good Shepherd

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

2 Tm 4.22

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 Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People sit. One or more Lessons and a Psalm, as appointed, are read.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts [4:23-37]

When Peter and John were released they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who by the mouth of our father David, thy servant, didst say by the Holy Spirit, 'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things? The kings of the earth set themselves in array, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'— for truly in this city there were gathered together against thy holy servant Jesus, whom thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever thy hand and thy plan

had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look upon their threats, and grant to thy servants to speak thy word with all boldness, while thou stretchest out thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of thy holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy

person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need. Thus Joseph who was surnamed by the apostles Barnabas (which means, Son of

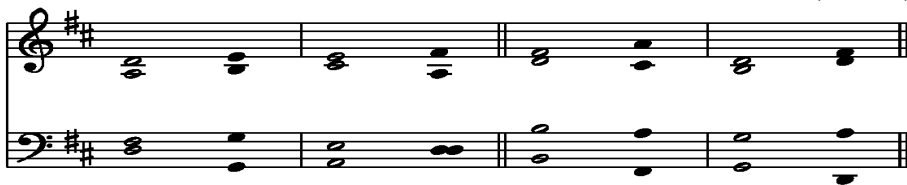
encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field which belonged to him, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

THE PSALM
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Congregation and Choir:

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 1 The Lord is my / shepherd; *
therefore can I lack / nothing.
- 2 **He shall feed me in a green / pasture ***
and lead me forth beside the waters of / comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my / soul, *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his / Name's sake.
- 4 **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.
- 5 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.
- 6 **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.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John [3:1-10]

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who

abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Alleluia

Kathy Fox Powell

Cantor: Al - le - lu - ia! All: Al - le - lu - ia!
-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: Verse

All: Repeat alleluias.

THE GOSPEL
John [10:11-16]

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.



Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good

shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON
The Rev. Canon John T. Cruikshank, ASSP, SSC

After the Sermon we pause momentarily to meditate upon that which we have just heard in the lessons and sermon.



THE NICENE CREED

On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant, Deacon, or other person appointed, first saying:

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God, Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
And he shall come again, with glory to judge
both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father [and the Son],*
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the ☩ Resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The *filioque* [and the Son] is not in the original Greek text. Nevertheless, in the Western Church the *filioque* is customary at worship and is used for the explication of doctrine [39 Articles of Religion]. The operative resolution of the College of Bishops concerning use of the *filioque* is printed with the General Instructions at the end of the Holy Communion, Long Form.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or other person appointed says:

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and for the world.

After each petition there is a time of silence for the Clergy and the People to add their own prayers in silence or spoken.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to lead the nations of the world into the way of righteousness; and so to direct and dispose the hearts of all our leaders, especially Joseph, our President, Gregory, our Governor, and Jim our Mayor, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may truly and impartially administer justice, upholding integrity and truth, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to thy servants, Foley, our Archbishop, Ryan and Keith, our Bishops, for the College of Bishops and their discernment of the next Archbishop, John, Terence, and John our Clergy, and in our companion Diocese of Northern Malawi, Fanuel, their bishop, and in our sister parish St. Mark's, Mzuzu, Elemiya, their priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations, and strengthen us to fulfill thy great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all thou hast commanded.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Look with favor, O Lord, upon thy servants celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this week, [especially _____], that, as they begin another year, they may grow in wisdom and grace.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, [especially _____].

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

We remember before thee. O Lord, all thy servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, [especially _____], that thy will for them may be fulfilled, and we beseech thee to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, Blessed Mark, our Patron, and all thy saints, that we with them may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Petitions

Reader Lord in thy mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

The Reader, or the Celebrant, may add additional Supplications.

The Celebrant concludes with an appropriate prayer:

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following.

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People:

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things and judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed

by thought, word, and deed,
against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Text: Isaac Watts

Music: Old Southern Hymn tune

arr. by Virgil Thomson

The text of the anthem can be found in Hymn 664.

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

THE DOXOLOGY

(sung to the tune of ‘Ye watchers and ye holy ones’)

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia!, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!, Alleluia!, Alleluia!, Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

THE SURSUM CORDA

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

The People stand. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. *Cl 3.16-17; Jn 17.11*

PREFACE OF EASTER

Here the following Proper Prefaces, or other proper for the day, may be added

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying.

THE SANCTUS

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Richard Shephard, “*The Tisbury Service*” (SJMP License 7786)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Heav'n and earth are full of thy Glo - ry. Glo - ry be to
If no Benedictus
thee, O Lord Most High. A - men.
High Bles - sed is he that com-eth in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here * may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it*, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” *1 Cr 11.23-35*

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.” *1 Cr 11.23-35*

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same, and looking for his coming again in power and great glory.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Celebrant and People together



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together

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.

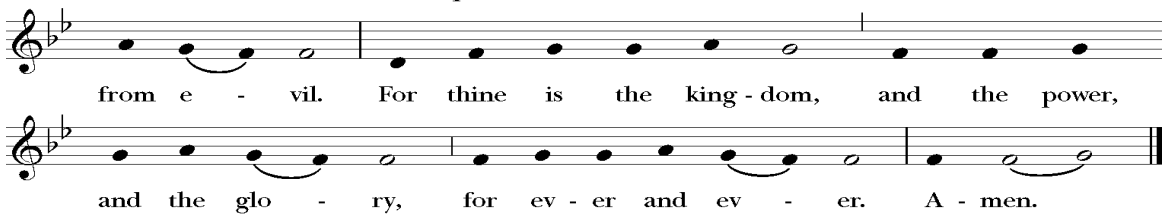
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Mt 6.9-13

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us



from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

The Celebrant breaks the host. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung:

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]



Celebrant Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us.
People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under thy table.

But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

Ex 34.6-7; Dn. 9.18; Mt 15.27; Jn 6.47-58, 17.20-26; 1 Cr 10.14-18

THE AGNUS DEI

(Spoken 8:00; Chanted 10:30)

The following anthem is sung:

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People grant us thy peace.

Richard Shephard, "The Tisbury Service" (SJMP License 7786)

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that
tak - est a way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the follow invitation

✠Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are they that are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Jn 1.29, Rev. 19.9

The people respond

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my *soul* shall be healed.

Mt 8.8

The Celebrant continues

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Meditation on “St. Agnes”

David Lasky

All baptized and believing Christians in good standing in their local congregation, recognizing the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, are welcome to share in receiving Communion. All those who are ‘seeking after God’ are welcome to come forward to receive God’s blessing from the Priest, so indicated by crossing your arms over your chest as the priest arrives before you.

Personal prayers before receiving:

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen. Here may I grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God; Here drink with Thee the royal Wine of Heaven; Here would I lay aside each earthly load. Here taste afresh the calm of sins forgiven.

Good Lord, show me my sins and forgive them. Come to me, cleanse, heal and strengthen me that I may serve Thee faithfully all my life. Amen.

Personal prayers after receiving:

O Bread of Life and divine food, bring life and health to my body and soul. Grant, O Lord, that what I have taken with my lips I may receive with a pure heart; and from a temporal gift may it become for me an eternal remedy.

Let thy Body, O Lord, which I have taken, and thy Blood which I have received, cling to my soul; and grant that no spot of sin may remain in me, whom this pure and Holy Sacrament has refreshed; who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
James Montgomery

Hymnal 343
St. Agnes

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together:

Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in
the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works that thou hast prepared
for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Rm 12.5; 1 Cr 12.12-13, 27; Ep 2.8-10; Ti 3.7-8

THE EASTER BLESSING

(from the feast of the Resurrection through the Great Fifty Days of Easter)

The Celebrant blesses the people using the Easter Blessing:

May Almighty God, who hast redeemed us and made us his children
through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon thee the riches
of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism hast raised us from sin unto
newness of life, make thee holy and worthy to be united with Christ for
ever. **Amen.**

May God, who hast brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting
freedom in the Redeemer, bring thee to thine eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words:

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE DISMISSAL HYMN

Savior, like a shepherd lead us
Hymns for the Young, ca. 1830

Hymnal 708
Sicilian Mariners

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on Sicilian Mariners

Alfred Fedak

SERVICE CONCLUSION

At the end of the service, as the candles are extinguished and the Closing Voluntary is offered, you are invited to spend some time in prayer to allow what you have heard and witnessed in the worship of our Lord God, to open your heart, mind, and body (strength) to Him in order that you may be fully prepared for the coming week. The following, or some other prayer, can be used.

Kneel and Pray

✠In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grant, Almighty God, that the words we have heard this day with our ears may by your grace be grafted in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of a righteous life, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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