



I Call You Faithful (reprise)

I call You Faithful, Your name is Faithful;
 You are so Faithful to me.
 I call you Faithful, Your name is Faithful;
 Faithful You are, and Faithful You'll be. (repeat)

Benediction:

Beloved, go forth into the world, walking out your baptisms,
 to love and serve the Lord.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Now may the God of peace – who brought up 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 us that which is pleasing in His sight, through
 Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

– based on Hebrews 13:20-21

A thought about worship from the Ancient Fathers –

"Feed us, Your children, as sheep. Master, fill us With righteousness from Your own
 pasture. Instructor, give us food on Your holy mountain, the church, which towers in the
 air, is above the clouds, and touches heaven. "And I will be," He says, "their Shepherd,"
 and will be as near to them as clothes to their skin. He wants to save my flesh by
 enveloping it in the robe of immortality, and He has anointed my body. "They shall call
 Me," He says, "and I will say, Here am I." You heard sooner than I expected, Master.
 "And if they pass over, they shall not slip," says the Lord. For we who are passing over to
 eternal life will not fall into corruption because He will sustain us. For so He has said and
 so He has willed. Our Instructor is righteously good. "I came not," He says, "to be
 ministered unto, but to minister." Therefore, He is introduced in the Gospel as "wearied,"
 because He toiled for us and promised "to give His life as a ransom for many." For Christ
 alone is the Good Shepherd. He is generous and gives us the greatest of all gifts, His own
 life. He is extremely good and loving to men, while, when He might have been Lord, He
 wished to become a brother to humanity. He was so good that He died for us."

– Clement of Alexandria

Lectionary for next week: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

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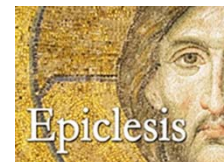
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Liturgy

April 22, 2018 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The grave is empty!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed! The Lamb is on the throne!

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before Him with joyful singing.

Know that the LORD Himself is God.

It is He who made us and not we ourselves.

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise;

Give thanks to Him and bless His name.

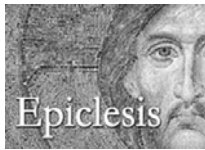
For the LORD is good:

His lovingkindness is everlasting;

and His faithfulness continues to all generations.

– Psalm 100





Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
(Repeat)

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand; yes, the sheep of His hand.

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I Call You Faithful

I call You Faithful, Your name is Faithful;
Lord, You are Faithful to me.
I call you Faithful, Your name is Faithful;
Faithful You are, and Faithful You'll be.
(Repeat)

I call You Holy; Your name is Holy;
Lord, You are Holy to me. . .

I call You Jireh; Your name is Jireh;
You are Provider to me.
I call You Jireh; Your name is Jireh,
Provider You are, and Provider You'll be.

I call You Shepherd; Your name is Shepherd;
You're the Good Shepherd to me.
I call You Shepherd; Your name is Shepherd;
Shepherd You are, and Shepherd You'll be.

I call You all that; Your name is All That;
Lord, You are All That to me. . .

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit



As we sing the kingdom, we sing the power,
We sing the glory be Yours – Forever. Amen. Amen. Amen!

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Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:
And we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: Eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

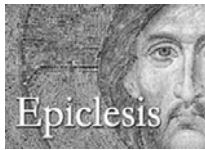
The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond,
And to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body



The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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THE WORD

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Our Father in Heaven (sung)

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy,
Your name is holy, our Father.
Your kingdom come, and Your will be done
Here on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us, we pray, our bread for today,
Our debts forgive and in turn we will live,
Forgiving of what others owe.
Keep us from trials; save us from our ancient foe!



Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Jesus declared, I am the Good Shepherd;

The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd,
and I know My own, and My own know Me,
even as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father;
and I lay down My life for the sheep.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish;
and no one will snatch them out of My hand.
I and the Father are one.

– John 10:11, 14-15, 27-30

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;

He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will 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;

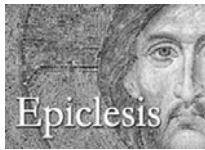
You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me

all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

– Psalm 23



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us.
 And we ought to lay down our lives for one another.
*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and
 sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?*
 Little children, let us love,
 not in word or speech, but with actions and in truth.
*This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son
 Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.*
 And all who keep His commandments abide in Him,
 and He abides in them. — from 1 John 3:16-24

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (verse 2)

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
 Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

[Silence]

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;
 And deliver us and forgive our sins, for Your name's sake.
**So we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks
 to You forever; to all generations we will proclaim Your praise.**

— Psalm 79:9,13

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (verse 3)

Thou hast promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse and power to free.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!
 We will early turn to Thee.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!
 We will early turn to Thee.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The words of Jesus, great blessings of pardon:

"I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."
*"They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love
 me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will
 love them and reveal myself to them."*
 "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I
 have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love.
 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you,
 and that your joy may be complete." — John 14:19-21, 15:10-11

Thanks be to God!

TIME OF OFFERING

Words and testimonies of thanksgiving and praise

Gracious Lord and loving Shepherd, through Your goodness and
 mercies You have blessed us with all we have, and all we are. With
 gratitude we joyfully give back to You what is Yours. As covenant
 people, the sheep of Your pasture, we lift our lives up to You in
 worship and praise.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My Shepherd will supply my need:
 Jehovah is His Name;
 In pastures fresh He makes me feed,
 Beside the living stream.
 He brings my wand'ring spirit back
 When I forsake His ways,
 And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
 In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death His presence is my stay;
 One word of His supporting breath drives all my fears away.
 His hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
 My cup with blessings overflows, His oil anoints my head.