

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# MAY 11, 2025



**CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH** 

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## PRELUDE

St. Columba

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

## + CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION +

Stand

## **INVOCATION**

- ▶ In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel. If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## ABSOLUTION

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Stand

## SHARING OF PEACE

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to His grace.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

## **C** Amen.

Worshipers may share the peace of Christ with those around them.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Stand and face the processional crucifix as it enters the nave.

### EASTER GREETING

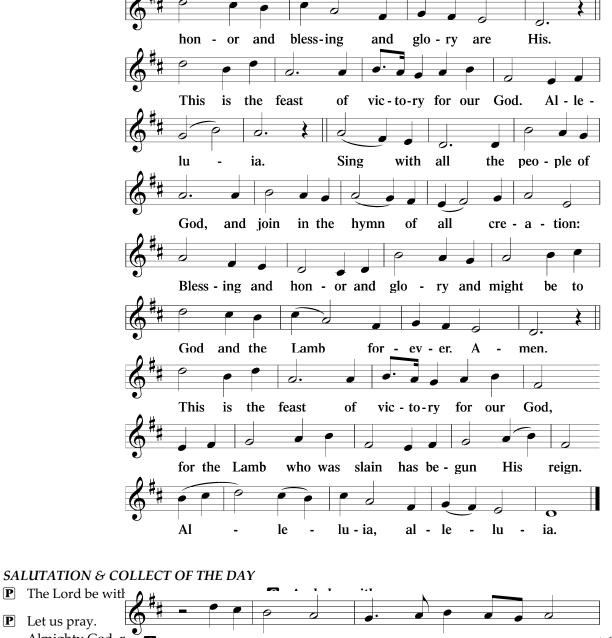
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**ENTRANCE HYMN** Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds 0 1 Now all of heav'n In the vault re - sounds There 2 E gift ter - nal is the He brings, --3 O Lord, with fill us, daunt - less love; Set  $\triangle 4 A$ dor - ing prais - es now we bring And -۶b φ "Christ has praise of a - bounds: love that still tri - umphed! "Christ has tri - umphed! heart with rap - ture sings: fore our That heart and will on things a - bove we con - quer "Christ has tri - umphed! with the heav'n-ly bless-ed sing: P ing!" Sing, an - gels, loud He liv choirs of is and ing!" - ing!" - umph; He is liv Now still He comes to give us Grant through Your tri grace suf \_ fi - cient for life's ia!" le - lu Be the Fa - ther Al \_ to and our Θ . glo Re peat of clear! their song ry life And by His pres ence stills all That by lives day our we tru ly То \_ Lord, Spir it blest, most ho 1y -Ο . . tri - umphed! "Christ has Christ has umphed!" here: tri strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He liv ing! is ing!" "Christ has say: tri - umphed! He is liv ing! God, All the glo - ry, nev er end \_ 0 Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia! Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia! Al - le - lu al - le - lu - ia, ia, al - le - lu ia! \_ Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia!



<sup>(</sup>Hymn continues on the following page.)





Almighty God, r , grant us Your Holy С to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu Lord, - ia. Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen.

Sit

P

#### FIRST READING

#### Acts 20:17-35

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **C** Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM OF THE DAY

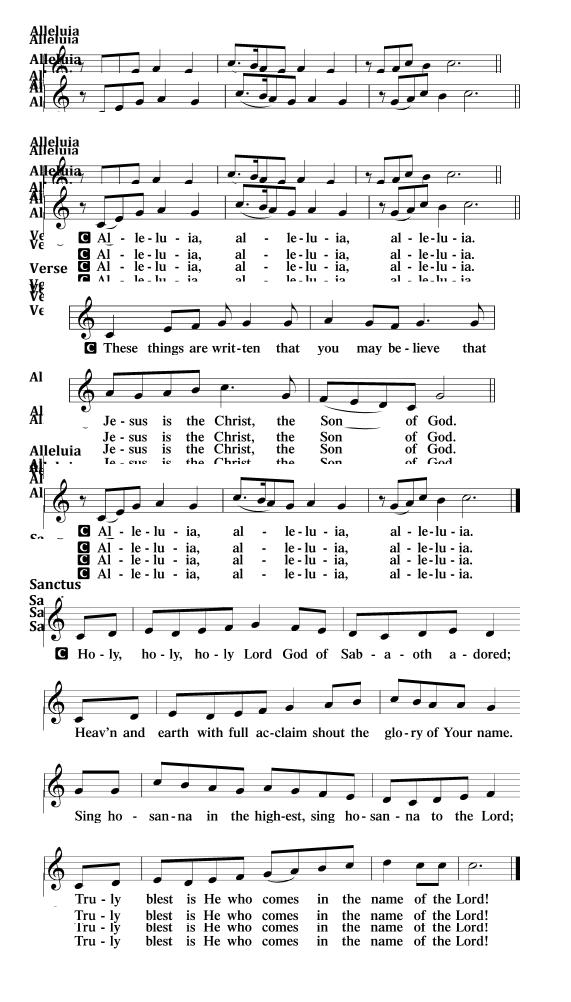


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- **I** *The LORD is my* | *shepherd;* \* *I* | *shall not want.*
- **G** He makes me lie down in green | pastures. \* He leads me beside still | waters.
- I He re- | stores my soul. \* He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.
- **C** 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.
- I You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies; \* you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.
- **C** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, \* and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.







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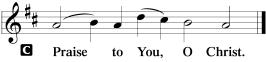
#### HOLY GOSPEL READING

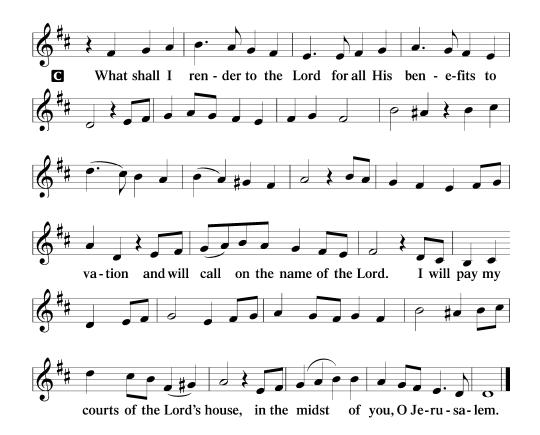
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter:



John 10:22-30

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "H are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do r name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not par Glo - ry You, 0 to Lord. know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never С Praise You, 0 Christ. to hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."





#### Stand

## NICENE CREED

**G** 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 Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also fo was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scripture right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge bo Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

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Praise

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledg I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to con

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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You,

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## **GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

Worshipers may leave offerings in the plates near the sanctuary doors.

## OFFERTORY



P ... let us pray to the Lord:C Lord, have mercy.



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom the second of the Lord. Ho - san - r begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### THE WORDS OF THE LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C 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. Pax Domini

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



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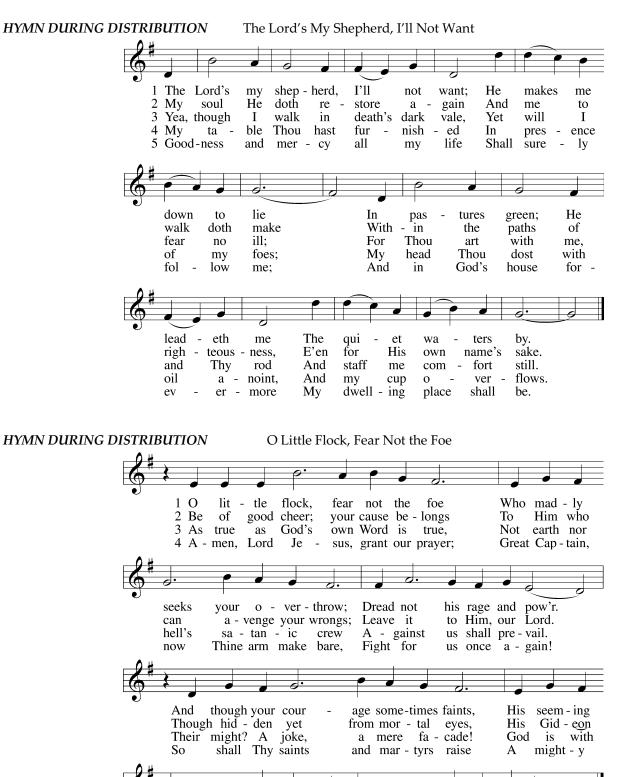
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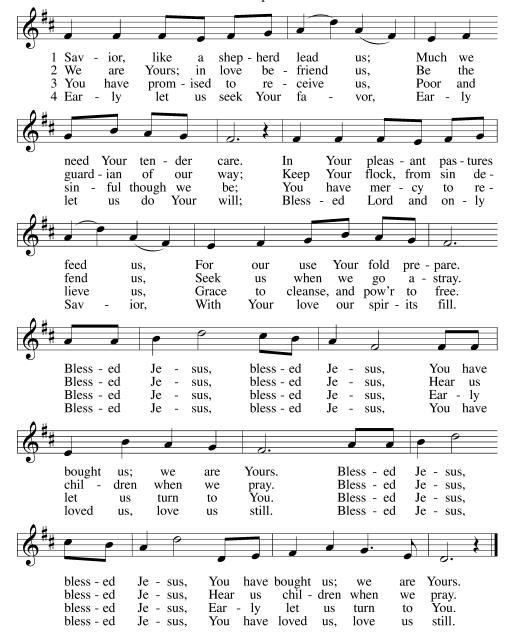
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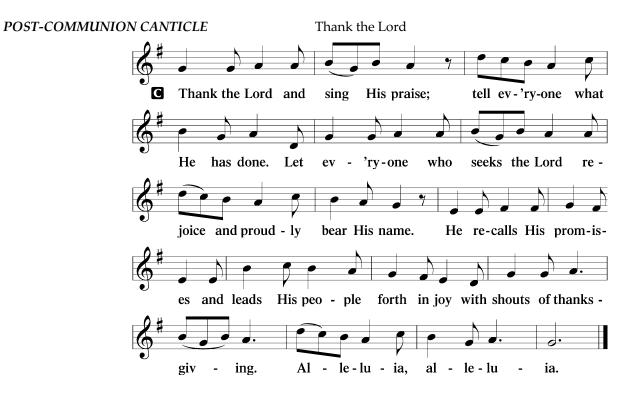
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Thy praise



## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- **C** Amen.



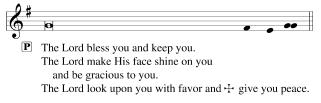
## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

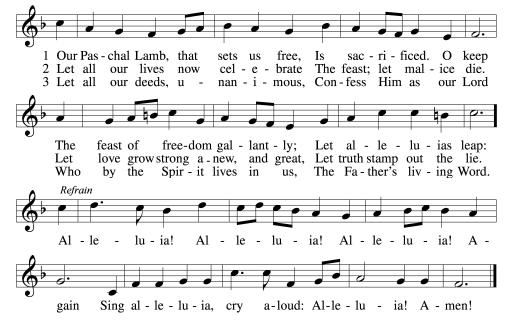
C Amen.

#### BENEDICTION





#### **CLOSING HYMN**



POSTLUDE

Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound

arr. Janet Linker

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