

# *The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two*



***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

*April 25, 2021*



# Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

*This is My Father's World*

arr. Faye Lopez

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Opening Words

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### Song of Praise

*I sing the almighty power of God*

Hymn 398  
Vs, 1 and 2

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.  
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

## Collect of the Day

*(The people remain standing)*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*(In unison)* **O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

*(The people sit)*

***\*Sunday School children will process to the front of the church building.***

*(The People sit.)*

## First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

*(to be read responsively by whole verse)*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be  
in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green  
pastures and leads me beside still  
waters.

3 He revives my soul and guides me along  
right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I shall fear no  
evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the  
presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of  
the LORD for ever.**

## **Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

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 help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Song**

### ***For the beauty of the earth***

Hymn 416

Tune Dix #288;

Vs 1-3

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour

of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,

Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,

*(The People stand)*

## **Gospel: John 10:11-18**

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

*People:*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin**

**Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the**

**Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
*Amen***

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

*Leader:* Living God, in the midst of Easter Joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God.

*Response:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* Creating God, you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration and empower us to be wise stewards of all that you've entrusted to us. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

*Response:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* God of all, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect. Hear us, O God.

*Response:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* God of wisdom, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your loving kindness to national, state, and local leaders of people, holding before you our President Joe and Governor Ralph. Hear us, O God.

*Response:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress, Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness especially... **Joe, Ben and family, Leslie, Sam, Shelby, Mark, Spencer, Paris, Brian, Brason, Bob, Liz, Bill, Desiree, Karen, David, Stephanie, Jack, Bruce, Bob.** Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.

*Response:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* Loving God, you overflow with grace upon grace. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially.. **Ryan Donovan, Natalie Hartzell, Dorian Mroz, Desiree Bergeron.** and anniversaries especially...**Steve and Robin Michals.** Hear us, O God.

*Response:* **Your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* Redeeming God, In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you (especially...) and for those who have given their lives in service to our country, (especially ...). Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

*Response:* **Your mercy is great.**

### **Concluding Collect:**

*Celebrant:* In the hope of new life in Christ, O Lord, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

***\*Sunday School children will return.***

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## **Offertory Bidding**

*Celebrant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Online giving is encouraged. Your gift of gratitude will be used to build up God's kingdom and serve others. Thank you!*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(In unison)*

**We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us. Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B**

*(The people remain standing).*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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 according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:*

**We remember his death**

**We proclaim his resurrection**

**We await his coming glory.**

*Celebrant:* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Peter, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Celebrant:* This is the gift of God and you are the people of God. Take it in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping online**

*O God, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts.*

*We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.*

## **Music at Communion**

***Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

St. Columba  
Instrumental

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*(The people stand)*

*Celebrant and People* **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

***All things Bright and Beautiful***

**arr. Faye Lopez**

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## **April 25, 2021 Announcements & Events**

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.

**Sunday Coffee Hour Zoom @ 11 AM** – Virtual fellowship hour

Join Rev. Susan and your church friends via Zoom this morning at 11.

**Sundays at Noon Adult Forum** – Today we start with the first 3 chapters of *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber.

**Weekly Prayer in Community** – Tuesday Morning at 9 AM for 12 minutes. It is an amazing ministry. Come check it out.

**8 AM Thursday Adult Forum**- Video- discussion of *Surprised by the God of Hope* by N. T. Wright

**Thursday Evening Book Club at 7 PM** – *World of Wonders* – Will be discussing Essays: Narwhal, Axolotl, and Dancing Frog

**Office hours – M, W, F 7:30-3:30**