The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Voluntary

Introit

Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds. Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand; To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples; To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron; To inflict on them the judgment decreed; * this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

Hymn 200

1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphal gladness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
3 Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
4 Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,

God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:

looséd from Pharaoh's bitter yoke, Jacob's sons and daughters,
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing

led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters,
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying,
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.
that thy peace which ever more passeth human knowing.
**Opening Acclamation**

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: *The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!*

**Confession and Absolution**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**Preces**

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your 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.*

**Pascha Nostrum**

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.
**Psalm 23**

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.

**Acts 2:42-47**

**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.

1 Peter 2:19-25

Benedictus
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
    for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
    in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
    which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
    and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
    and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
    that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
    might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
    all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
    for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
    for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
    whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

**John 10:1-10**

**Sermon**
Hymn 646

6 And so through all the length of days thy

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
*3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
*4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with
5 Thou spread’st a ta - ble in my sight; thy

6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2 ran - some soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faieth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.
**Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers** *(sung)*

Offciant: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Offciant: Let us pray.  

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.

**Suffrages**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.
Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collects (sung)  BCP 98-100

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.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Anthem

O, how glorious is the kingdom,
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ!
Arrayed in white robes,
they follow the Lamb, wherever He goes.

Intercessions

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto you for succor. Deliver us, we beseech you, from our peril; give strength and skill to those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
**Prayer of St. Chrysostom**
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

**Dismissal**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, allaluia.**

**Concluding Sentence**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.
Hymn 206

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