

26 April 2026 - Easter 4

GATHERING SONG

155 Loving Shepherd Of Thy Sheep

ENTRANCE HYMN

25 The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

Stand

GREETING

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on me.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy on me.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on me.

May Almighty God have mercy on us,
and forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen, Amen!

Amen, Amen!

Amen, Amen!

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

***Gloria! Gloria! in excelsis Deo!
Gloria! Gloria! in excelsis Deo!***

**Lord God, heavenly King,
peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we sing our song of praise.**

Gloria! Gloria!...

**Jesus, saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away our sins, O Lord,
have mercy on us all.**

Gloria! Gloria!...

**At the Father's right hand,
Lord receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One,
and you alone are Lord.**

Gloria! Gloria!...

**Glory Father and Son,
glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high,
we glorify your name.**

Gloria! Gloria!...

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:42-end

Sit

Day By Day The Lord Added To Their Number

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 2:19-end

By His Wounds You Have Been Healed

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

' He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth. '
When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when
he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted

himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand

**Listen now for the Gospel;
Alleluia!
It is God's word that changes us;
Alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break our hearts of stone until we give our lives to God and God alone.

Refrain

Come, Holy Spirit, root in us God's living word, that we may show the faithfulness of Christ our Lord.

Refrain

GOSPEL:

John 10:1-10

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

'I Am The Gate For The Sheep'

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY*Sit***NICENE CREED***Stand*

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and 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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

INTERCESSIONS*Stand*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

✕ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS: I Am The Gate

**I am the gate,
whoever enters by me will be saved,
and will come in and go out,
and find pasture.**

**I am the gate,
whoever enters by me will be saved,
and will come in and go out,
and find pasture.**

**He calls His own sheep by name
He calls His own sheep by name.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: You, Lord, Are Both Lamb And Shepherd

**You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
Of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.**

**Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are both gift and cost.**

**You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.**

**Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.**

During the next hymn a collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer and can gift aid your donation, please place it in a yellow gift aid envelope (available in the pews) and complete all the details requested.

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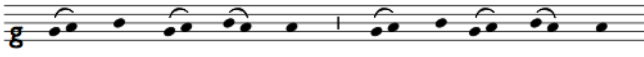
OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept
the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight
in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord.


EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



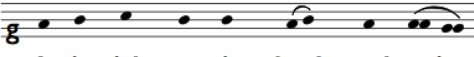
The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R. We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:

Holy holy: **Holy, holy.**
God of power: **God of power.**
We sing your praise: **We sing your praise.**
Hosanna: **Hosanna.**
Hosanna: **Hosanna.**
Hosanna: **Hosanna.**

Blessed is he: **Blessed is he.**
Who comes in Your Name: **Who comes in Your Name.**
Hosanna: **Hosanna.**
Hosanna: **Hosanna.**
Hosanna: **Hosanna.**

The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: **Christ has died.**

Christ has risen: **Christ has risen.**

Christ will come again: **Christ will come again.**

The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer

At the end all sing



A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God: **Lamb of God.**

You take our sins: **You take our sins.**

Have mercy on us: **Have mercy on us.**

And grant us Your peace: **And grant us Your peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please follow the guidance of the stewards as you come forward for the distribution of Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please bring your service sheet with you.

**COMMUNION HYMN:
I Shall Not Want**

**From the love of my own comfort,
From the fear of having nothing,
From a life of worldly passions,
Deliver me O God.**

**From the need to be understood,
And from a need to be accepted,
From the fear of being lonely,
Deliver me O God.
Deliver me O God.**

***And I shall not want, no, I shall not want.
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want.
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want.***

**From the fear of serving others,
Oh, and from the fear of death or trial,
And from the fear of humility,
Deliver me O God.
Deliver me O God.**

Chorus

**COMMUNION HYMN:
Because The Lord Is My Shepherd**

**Because the Lord is my shepherd
I have everything I need.
He lets me rest in the meadow
And leads me to the quiet streams.
He restores my soul
And he leads me in the paths that are right.**

***Lord, You are my shepherd,
You are my friend,
I want to follow You always,
Just to follow, my friend.***

**In love, You make me a banquet,
For my enemies to see.
You make me welcome,
Pouring down honour from Your mighty hand,
And this joy fills me with gladness,
It is too much to bear.**

Chorus

**Your goodness always is with me,
And Your mercy, I know,
Your loving and kindness strengthens me,
Always as I go through life.
I shall dwell in Your presence forever,
Giving praises to Your name.**

Chorus

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*Stand*

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

NOTICES*Sit***BLESSING & DISMISSAL***Stand*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

✠May almighty God bless you,
the Father,
and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:**146 How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds**