

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
Ascension Catholic Church
Melbourne, Florida
April 26, 2026*

Gathering

Festival Canticle: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. lu - ia.

Verses

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

1. blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
2. hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
3. join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
4. God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men.
5. gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

to Refrain

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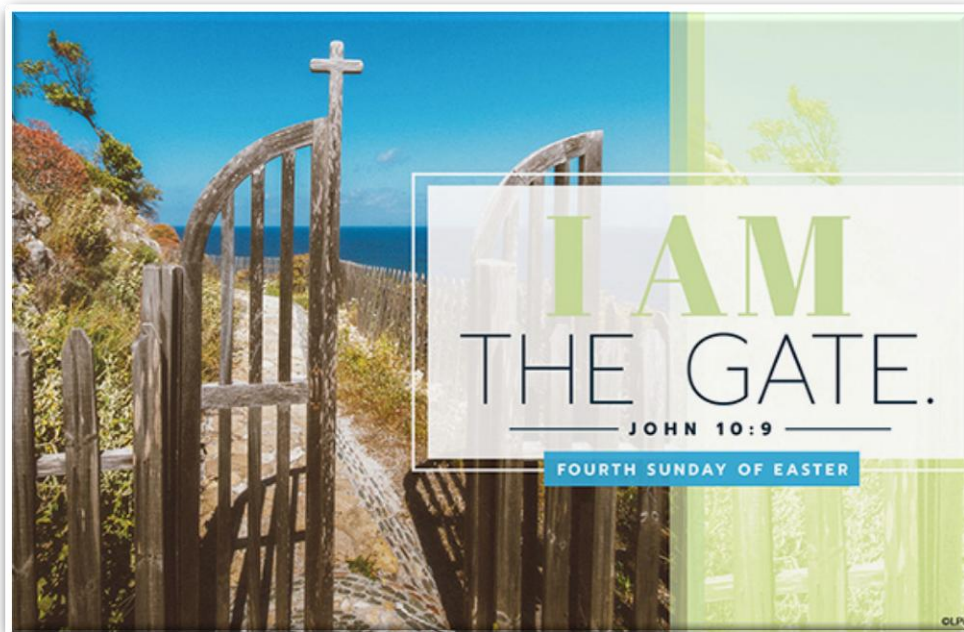
Penitential Rite

Confiteor (optional)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord, Have Mercy

Deacon: Lord, have mercy	Assembly: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.



Mass of Creation

Glory to God

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will.

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(1. We) praise you, we bless — you, we a - dore — you, we glo - ri - fy
1. you, we give — you thanks for your great glo - ry, — Lord
poco rit. *D.C.*
1. God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther. —
mp
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
2. Son of the Fa - ther, — you take a - way the sins of the world, } have mer -
re - ceive
1 2
2. cy on us; — you our prayer; — you are seat - ed at the
poco rit. *D.C.*
2. right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. —
mf
3. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, —
Melody
3. — you a - lone are the Most — High, *Harmony* Je - sus
3. Christ, — with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
poco rit. *D.C. al fine*
3. God the Fa - ther. — A - men. — A - men. —

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Liturgy of the Word



First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm Response

Psalm 23

Stephen Pishner

Musical notation for Psalm 23, consisting of two staves in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want."

The Lord is my shep - herd; there is
noth - ing I shall want.

- 1. 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; he revives my soul.
- 2. He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name.**
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.
- 3. You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes.**
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
- 4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.**
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

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Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia

James Chepponis

Musical notation for the Festival Alleluia, consisting of two staves in B-flat major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." and "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 - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel: John 10:1-10

Homily

Creed:

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there He will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.*

General Intercessions

Response: Christ, risen Lord, Jesus hear our prayer.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID



1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing }
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; }



1. Loud praise to Christ our King; }
2. Let prais-es fill the sky; } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Life shall not end the strain; }



1. Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore his throne re - joi-ce;
2. He is our guide and friend; Our cry he will at - tend;
3. On heav-en's joy - ful shore His good-ness we'll a - dore,



1. Praise is his gra-cious choice: }
2. His love shall nev - er end: } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Sing - ing for - ev - er - more: }

Text: 66 66 D; Christian Henry Bateman, 1843, alt. Music: Spanish Hymn, source unknown.



Eucharistic Acclamations

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Holy

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-
rec-tion you have set us free, you have set us free.

Amen

A-men, a-men, a-men! A-men, a-men, a-men!

Lamb of God

Cantor/Choir All
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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Communion Antiphon

**The Good Shepherd has risen who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

Communion Songs

Shepherd of My Heart

Francis Patrick O'Brien

Verses



1. My shep-herd is the Lord, for noth-ing shall I want;
2. If I should walk one day in - to the vale of dark-ness,
3. You a-noint my head with oil; my cup is o-ver-flow-ing;



green are the pas-tures where I'm led to re - pose.
no e - vil shall I fear with God at my side.
good - ness and kind-ness crown the days of my life.



Near wa - ters still and deep God will re - fresh my soul.
There with your crook and staff you give me strength and com-fort;
With - in the Lord's own house I dwell in peace for ev - er;

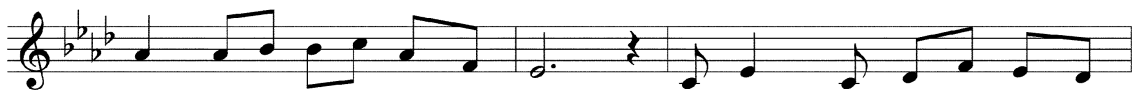


I am led on-ward in ways true to the Name.
you spread a ban-quet in the sight of my foes.
with - in the house of God my soul is at rest.

Refrain



Guide me, O shep-herd of my heart; lead me home-ward through the



dark, in-to ev-er-last-ing, day. Show me the way of truth and



light; keep me al-ways in your sight. May my life nev-er



part from the shep-herd of my heart.

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I Received the Living God

LIVING GOD

Refrain




I re-ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of
joy. I re-ceived the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

Verses



1. Je-sus said: "I am the Bread Knead-ed long to give you life;
2. Je-sus said: "I am the Way, And my Fa - ther longs for you;
3. Je-sus said: "I am the Truth; If you fol - low close to me,
4. Je-sus said: "I am the Life Far from whom no thing can grow,



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1. You who will par-take of me Need not ev - er fear to die."
2. So I come to bring you home To be one with him a - new."
3. You will know me in your heart, And my word shall make you free."
4. But re-ceive this liv - ing bread, And my Spir - it you shall know."

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Song of Sending Forth

Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today

LLANFAIR



1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day,
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. All on earth with an - gels say.
 2. Where, O death, is now thy sting?
 3. Fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
 4. Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed head;
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 2. Once he died our souls to save,
 3. Death in vain for - bids him rise;
 4. Made like him, like him we rise,
- } Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply,
 2. Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
 3. Christ has o - pen'd par - a - dise.
 4. Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- } Al - le - lu - ia!

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