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## May 8, 2022 – 4th Sunday of Easter

### Welcome & Acknowledgement

(anything in **bold** we invite you to say with us)

### Opening Sentence –

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me. John 10.14

### Opening Hymn – Jesus is Lord

### The Penitential Rite

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we prepare to worship almighty God,  
let us with penitent and obedient hearts  
confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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 neighbours 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.**

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

**Amen**

### Introductory Responses

Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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.**

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Acts 9:36-43

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### The Psalm for the day -- Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads  
me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for  
his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever. **Amen**

2nd Reading - Revelation 7:9-17

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Gradual Hymn -- Jesus is a friend of mine

The Gospel - John 10:22-30

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

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Reflection -- Rev Deacon Wilson Akinwale

Affirmation of Faith. -- The 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.**

Prayers For the Community

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying,  
"Lord hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.  
Amen**

Collect #1

Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, so that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you for ever.  
**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
As our Saviour taught us,  
we invite you pray in the language your heart loves best,

**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.**

Collect #2

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Dismissal

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Closing Hymn – Come, Holy Ghost

Doxology

Glory to God,  
**whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

And now may the peace of the Good Shepherd enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness, working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

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