

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Please use this sheet to help your participation in the Liturgy this Sunday, and leave it in the porch afterwards for others to use at later Masses. Thank you.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

- 1 Hail, Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels saints and nations sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."*

- 4 Shepherd-King, o'er mountains steep,
homeward bring the wandering sheep,
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.

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Sign of the Cross and Greeting

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And with your spirit.

The priest introduces the Mass briefly, then invites all present to acknowledge our need of God's mercy:

Penitential Act

P: Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father. Lord, have mercy.

A: Lord, have mercy.

P: You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth. Christ, have mercy.

A: Christ, have mercy.

P: You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life. Lord, have mercy.

A: Lord, have mercy.

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

A: Amen.

The Gloria

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

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. *Glory to God...*

You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Glory to God...*

The Collect

P: Let us pray.

The priest pauses for a moment for everyone to think of their own prayers and intentions for Mass:

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

A: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

4:8-12

The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

All then recite the psalm together:

**A: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.**

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.**

**I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.**

**Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

3:1-2

We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

[ALL STAND]



Gospel

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And with your spirit.

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

10:11-18: The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern 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 my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith (*The Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin
Mary', all bow.*

**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.**

Prayer of the Faithful

Each Intercession is announced, and all are invited to join in the response:

P: Lord, in your mercy.

A: Hear our prayer.

We ask Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to share our prayers, saying:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The priest says a concluding prayer, to which all reply:

A: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts

1 Jesus, thou art coming, holy as thou art,
thou, the God who made me, to my sinful heart.
Jesus, I believe it, on thy only word;
kneeling, I adore thee, as my king and Lord.

3 Put thy kind arms round me, feeble as I am;
thou art my Good Shepherd, I, thy little lamb;
since thou comest, Jesus, now to be my guest,
I can trust thee always, Lord, for all the rest.

5 Ah! What gift or present, Jesus, can I bring?
I have nothing worthy of my God and King;
but thou art my shepherd: I, thy little lamb,
take myself, dear Jesus, all I have and am.

6 Take my body, Jesus, eyes, and ears and tongue;
never let them, Jesus, help to do thee wrong.
Take my heart, and fill it full of love for thee;
all I have I give thee, give thyself to me.

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When the priest has prepared the gifts, ALL STAND as he says:

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

A: **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 holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

P: 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.

A: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

A: **And with your spirit.**

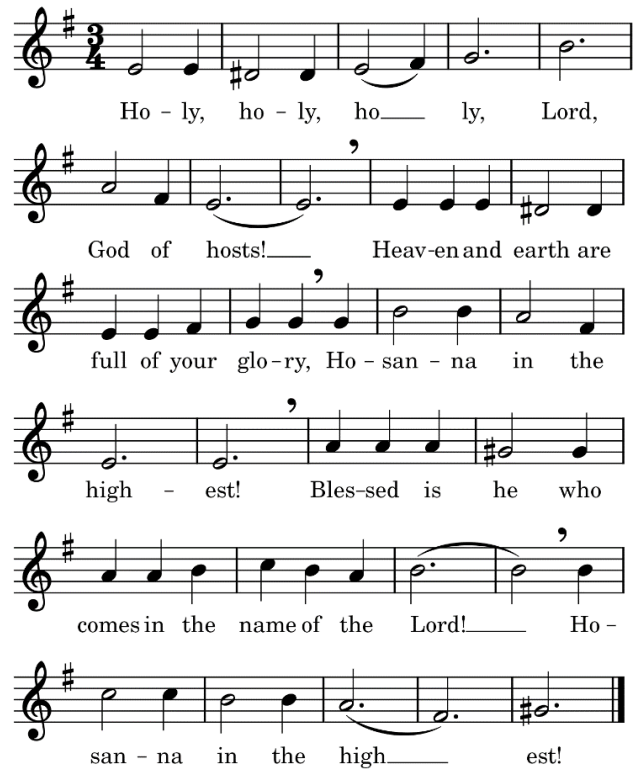
P: Lift up your hearts.

A: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: **It is right and just!**

The Priest then says the Preface – praise of God's works in Jesus – which ends with all acclaiming:



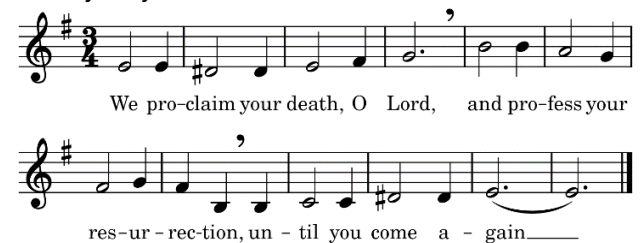
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
God of hosts! Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bles-sed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

ALL KNEEL

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, remembering the words of the Lord at the Last Supper: bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, lifted up by the priest for our adoration.

After the words of Consecration, the priest sings:

P: The mystery of faith.



We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
res-ur-rec-tion, un - til you come a - gain

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, praying for the living and the deceased, for the Pope, ministers and all members of the Church. At the end the Priest raises the Body and Blood of Christ high and sings:

P: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

A: Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

ALL STAND

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

A: **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.

P: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

A: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Rite of Peace

P: 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.

A: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A: And with your spirit.

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

And all offer one another the customary sign of peace: a handclasp or handshake, which is an expression of peace, communion, and charity.

Breaking of the Bread



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins



of the world have mer - cy on



us. Grant us peace.

ALL KNEEL

Invitation to Communion

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

A: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

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

As all now come forward for Holy Communion, anyone not receiving for any personal reason is warmly invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a prayer of blessing.

Communion Hymn

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green. He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill.
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Paraphrased from Psalm 22 (23) in the Scottish Psalter 1650

Prayer after Communion

ALL STAND

P: Let us pray.

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And with your spirit.

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

A: Amen.

P: Go forth, the Mass is ended!

A: Thanks be to God!

Final Hymn

1 Abba, Father, send your Spirit.

Glory, Jesus Christ. (2)

Glory hallelujah, glory, Jesus Christ. (2)

2 I will give you living water;

Glory, Jesus Christ. (2)

4 I'm your shepherd, I will lead you ...

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