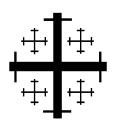
# **Easter IV**

11 May 2025

9:30 am





## The Liturgy at Calvary

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal"

in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

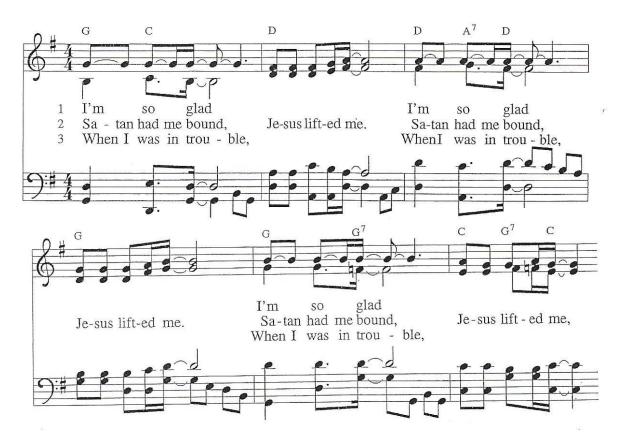
**Prelude** Claire de Lune

Claude Debussy

#### **Recognizing 2025 Graduating Seniors**

Please face the Baptismal font

Penitential Rite I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW 860) vs 1-2 before confession, 3 after





L Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:27-28).

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

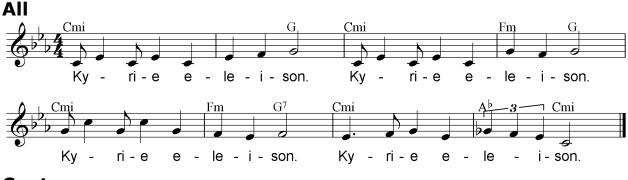
- L The LORD is my shepherd,
- C I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul (Psalm 23:1-3).
- L "After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb... They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7:9,16-17).

#### **Apostolic Greeting**

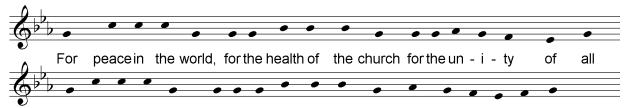
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, 

  the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

**Kyrie Eleison** [*Greek,* Lord Have Mercy]



#### **Cantor**



for this ho - ly house for all who wor-ship and praise. let us pray to the Lord:

#### **All [Kyrie Eleison]**

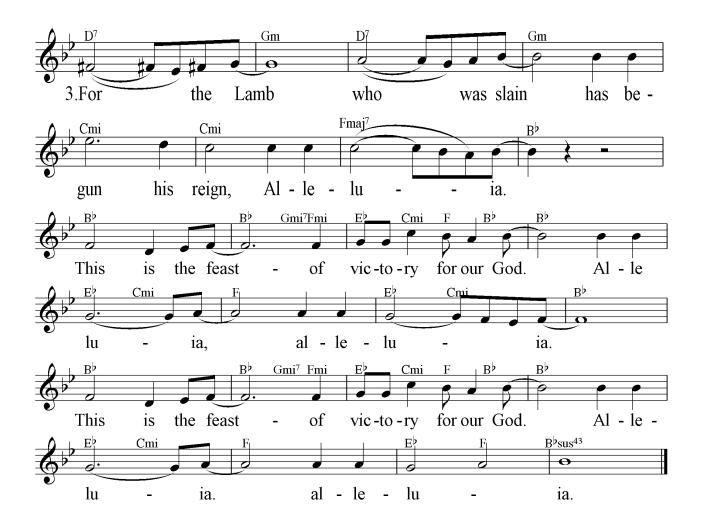




#### **All [Kyrie Eleison]**

#### **Hymn Of Praise**





## **Blessing of the Teddy Bears**

Please sit for today's readings from scripture.

#### First Reading Acts 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." 39So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 23 Shepherd Me, O God (ELW 780)





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#### Second Reading Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

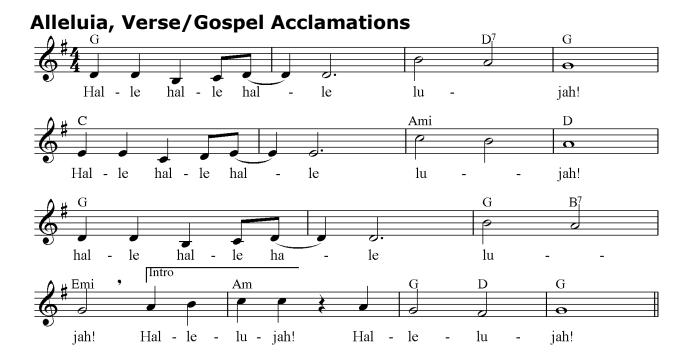
<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.



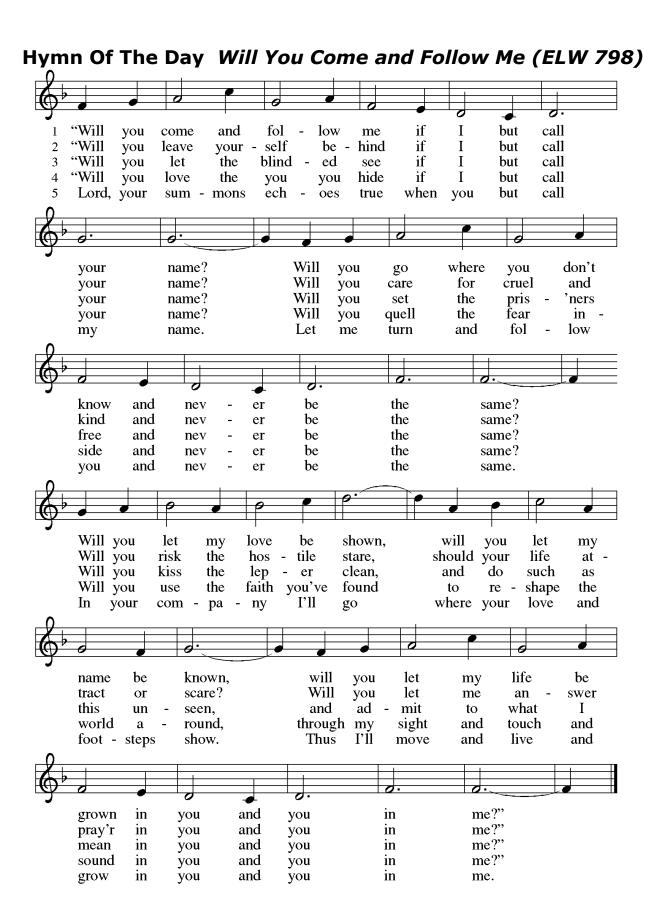
## P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter C Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

P The Gospel of Our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ!

**Sermon** Janelle Miller



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#### Creed

A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God.

All 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

### **Prayers of Intercession**

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.



after each petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

C Amen

#### **Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

Please share a sign of peace

**Offertory** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Tune - Resignation

Setting Mark Hayes, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

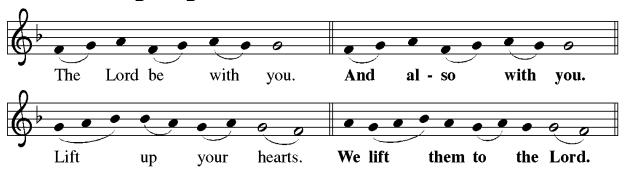


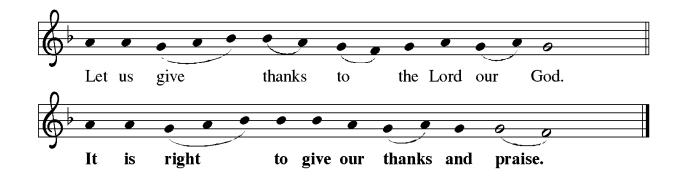
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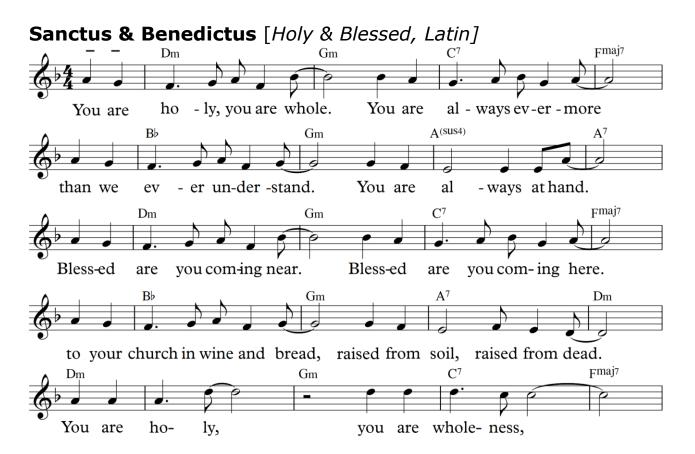
- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

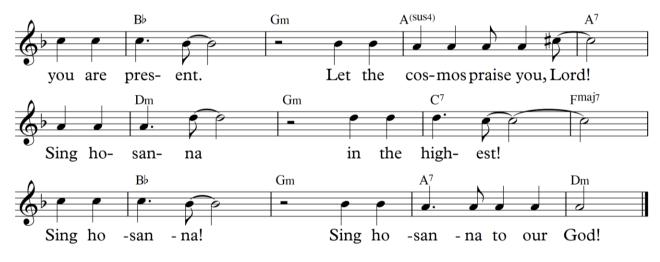
#### **Great Thanksgiving**





It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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### **Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **Eucharistic Acclamation**



- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- All 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, forever and ever. Amen
- P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.



#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**In-Person:** We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

#### Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (ELW 789)



### Children of the Heavenly Father: Tryggare kan ingen vara (ELW 781)



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- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
- C Amen

#### **Post Communion Canticle**



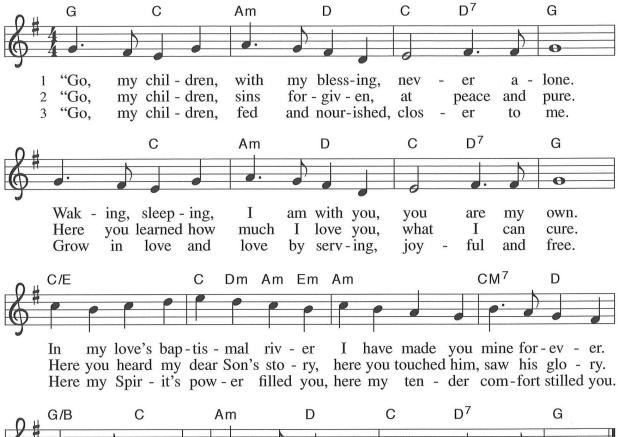
A Let us pray... Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

#### C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ♣ give you peace.

#### C Amen

## Recessional *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)





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### A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God!

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#### **Commemorations This Week**

## Matthias, Apostle Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.