

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 25, 2021

*As we continue with in-person Sunday worship, for the next few weeks the recorded service will be held in the West transept with the Altar placed in front of the Columbarium. This placement is a way to remind us of our joint worship with the Saints in light. As tradition holds the clergy would stand in front of the congregation (church militant) and before the Saints and choirs of heaven (church triumphant). It is a subtle, but beautiful reminder that we worship with the Saints always.*

**PRELUDE** Sheep May Safely Graze from Cantata 208 | J.S. Bach, arr. E. Power Biggs

## Gathering

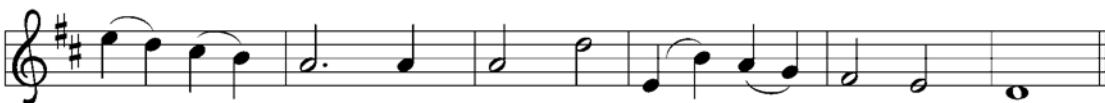
**HYMN #389** Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Word

### READING *Acts 4:5-12*

The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL *John 10:11-18*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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 the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY #782 *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*



- 1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;
- 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
 no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23  
 Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**Meal**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy... until he comes.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
 Remembering, therefore... now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**THE COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Sending**

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing | arr. David Cherwien