



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Opening Versicles

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
- G** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- G** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- G** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.



Psalmody

Antiphon for Easter

- L** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
- G** O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

785 We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
 And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
 With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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Antiphon for Easter

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Additional Psalms

Psalm 147:1–11; antiphon: v. 5

¹Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

²The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

⁴He determines the number of the stars;

he gives to all of them their names.

⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶The LORD lifts up the humble;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre!

⁸He covers the heavens with clouds;

he prepares rain for the earth;

he makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹He gives to the beasts their food,

and to the young ravens that cry.

¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Office Hymn

483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de-light Let us u-nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in-to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju-bi-la-tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du-ing. His en-e-my Doth van-quished lie;
ad-o-ra-tion. His hon-or speed By word and deed



Sing Je-sus Christ, our sal-va-tion. To set us
His death has been death's un-do-ing. "And yours shall
To ev-'ry land, ev-'ry na-tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Readings

Reading

Lamentations 3:22–33

- ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
 his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
 great is your faithfulness.
²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
 "therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
 to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
 for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for a man that he bear
 the yoke in his youth.
²⁸Let him sit alone in silence
 when it is laid on him;
²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—
 there may yet be hope;
³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
 and let him be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
 cast off forever,
³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
 according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
 or grieve the children of men.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

1 Peter 2:11–20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

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Reading

John 16:16–22

¹⁶[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

G **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

G **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

G **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**



Canticle

Te Deum

941 *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
 2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
 4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
 The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
 Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
 The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
 You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
 Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
 Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
 So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
 "O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
 Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
 May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
 And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
 You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
 In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

E-Offering



Prayer

Kyrie

- G** Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

- G** 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.

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- G** And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.
Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

Collect for an Answer to Prayer

- L** Almighty God, You have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Your Son's name. Mercifully incline Your ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to You, and grant that those things that we have faithfully asked according to Your will we may receive to meet our need and bring glory to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G** Amen.

Collect for the Sick

L Heavenly Father, ruler of all things, Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, healed all manner of infirmities and cured all manner of diseases. Mercifully help Your servants who suffer in either body or soul and, if it be Your will, free them from their sicknesses that, restored to health, they may with thankful hearts bless Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Collect for a Candidate for Ordination

L O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed on Christopher in his preparation for the holy ministry. By Your Holy Spirit grant him grace in his first field of service, readiness and steadfastness in his ministry, patience, understanding, a cheerful spirit, and great zeal. Support and strengthen him that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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

C Amen.

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