



Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Partita on "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

P. K. Hesterman
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GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

In the Fair Morning
Adrienne Sitko, mezzo soprano

E. R. Larter

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#307 Good Christians All, Rejoice

GELOBT SEI GOTT

C G Am Em C F Dm G C F $\frac{G7}{D}$ C $\frac{Am}{C}$

1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is risen to - day; death's might - y stone is
3 We praise in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life, which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

G B Am C D G C F Em Dm C E Dm F G C
 of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way: let ev - ery tongue re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Refrain
 C G Am F G D G B G7 Am Dm F C G C
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"

WORDS: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955)
 MUSIC: Melchior Vulpius (1560-1615)
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GELOBT SEI GOTT
 8.8.8. Alleluias

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you are our Good Shepherd
who hears our cries and comes to our aid.
We confess that we have not always followed you
in your ways of compassion and care.
We often fail to hear your voice and get lost
in the noise of our own busyness and selfishness.
We confess that we have heard the cries of the poor,
the needy, the lonely, and the oppressed,
but we have not responded nor sought to comfort them
with our presence or with our resources.
We have offered “thoughts and prayers”
when it was within our power to act.
We have turned away in the face of others’ pain
and chosen our own comfort instead.
We confess that we need your help – to hear and follow your voice.
We need your Holy Spirit – to empower us for action,
so that we may continue to follow in the ways of the Good Shepherd.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

Page 553, 1st half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

OFFERING OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Alleluia! The Strife is O're

E. R. Larter

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RESPONSIVE READING (based on Psalm 23)

All: The Lord is our shepherd, we have all that we need.

One: When life is good and all is well, when our hearts are full and our spirits at rest,

Many: You refresh our souls, we have all that we need.

One: When we are unsure of the path ahead,
afraid of making the wrong choice,

Many: You lead us along good paths, because you yourself are the Way.

One: When life is hard and we feel as if we might break under the pressure of stress, sickness, or suffering,

Many: You comfort us with your presence and fortify us with courage.

One: When we are threatened by those who would cause us harm,

Many: You feed and nourish us with your goodness and love.

One: When our earthly lives come to an end,

All: We begin anew in the eternal presence of your love. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise to thee an al-tar, hith-er by thy help I've come;
3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee;

$\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

praise his name— I'm fixed up - on it— name of God's re - deem - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)
 MUSIC: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

NETTLETON
 8.7.8.7.D.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#596 Help Us Accept Each Other

BECK

Unison
G A7
G Cdim
G Am7(b5)
G Gmaj7 G6 A7

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3 Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

Bm Em Emsus2 Em
D D Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7 D7sus2 D7

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Bm7 Emsus2 Em Em(#7) Em7 Am9 Bm7 C D
C C#dim7

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

$\frac{G}{D}$
 $\frac{C\#dim7}{D}$
 $\frac{Am7}{D}$
 $\frac{Bm}{D}$
 $\frac{Am}{D}$
 $\frac{C}{D}$
G

we are *our-selves* ac-cept-ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for-give-ness, and laugh-ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-)
 MUSIC: John Ness Beck (1930-1986)
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 7.6.7.6.D.

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

1 John 3:16-24

Page 260, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

This Joyful Eastertide

J. Feguson

*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#440 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

D $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D A $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

1 Sav - ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

D $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D A $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre-prepare:
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
 thou hast mer-cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos-oms fill:

G D A Bm7 $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ D

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

WORDS: Attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847); *Hymns for the Young*, 1836
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

BRADBURY
 8.7.8.7.D.

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Sung Benediction**

Alleluia

C. Dyck

Adrienne Sitko, mezzo soprano

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Toccata

S. Vann

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers & Leading Worship - Becky Bonham;

Prayers of the People - Anne Bellamy;

Scripture Reading - Nick Bargeman, Devi Henry;

Soloist - Adrienne Sitko, mezzo soprano;

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As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

— FBC Council