The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

Rite II: BCP 355
Processional Hymn

460 Jesus Christ our Lord

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the
*2 Alleluia! not as orphans are we
3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on
4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the
*5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the

1 scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the
2 left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Alleluia! born of
5 scepter his the throne; Alleluia! his the

1 triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the
3 sinful flee to thee from day to day: Inter-
4 Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou with-
5 triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! the
The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Song of Praise: Open The Eyes of My Heart

Chorus
Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse
To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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The Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.
Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
Sequence Song: Open Our Eyes

Verse
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him

Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

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The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”
Prayer for Missions and Ministry

Father, we come to you with praise and thanksgiving for the abundant blessings and mercies given to Grace Church. Thank you for each person’s unique abilities. May we be faithful to use these gifts to your honor and glory.

Your Word instructs us to spread the Good News to the end of the earth. Help us to be mindful of the leading of the Holy Spirit, trusting that individually and corporately, we will be guided into your chosen mission field.

Father, help us to grow in relationship with Christ as he gives us both the opportunity and the inner strength to tell his message. Amen.

Offertory Song: This Is Amazing Grace

Verse 1
Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus
This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3
Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory
Verse 4
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Bridge
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Communion Song: Let Us Break Bread Together

Verse 1
Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees

Chorus
When I fall on my knees
With my face to the Risen Son
O Lord have mercy on me

Verse 2
Let us drink the cup together on our knees
Let us drink the cup together on our knees

Verse 3
Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees

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The Paschal Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.
Recessional Hymn (vss. 1, 2, 3, 6)

The Christian Life

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fail - eth nev - er; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he lead - eth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feed - eth.
*3 Per - verse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
*4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
5 Thou spread’st a table in my sight; thy unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice flow - eth!
6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

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