

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

We Gather in God's Name...

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

{for silent prayer before starting the worship playlist or conference call}

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.¹ AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23, *NRSV*; choose a leader)

One: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.

All: He makes us lie down in green pastures; he leads us beside still waters, he restores our souls. He leads us in paths for his name's sake.

One: Even though we might walk through the darkest valley,

All: we fear no evil; for he is with us; his rod and his staff — they comfort us.

One: He prepares a table for us in the presence of our enemies; he anoints our heads with oil; our cups overflow.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole life long.

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #171

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on 1 Peter 2:22-23; led by one)

The Righteous One, our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. This is God's calling to each of us, but, yet, we fall short of this calling. Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (about 30 seconds)

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Gracious God, thank you for the example of our Lord Jesus the Messiah who committed no sin and expressed no deceit. Unlike Jesus, we are prone to mislead others or to hide aspects of our lives from others. When we are abused, we are prone to lash out and cause harm to others, but he did not. When we suffer, we are prone to threaten or to belittle others, but he did not. Our Lord entrusted himself to you, God, who judges justly, but we are prone to look to our own solutions to bring our own justice or injustice to others. Forgive our sin, O Lord, and complete your work in us that we might reflect the one risen, Our Lord Jesus. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on 1 Peter 2:24; led by one)

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness. Know that by his wounds, you are healed and forgiven, and live for righteousness. AMEN.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (You may say: "The peace of Christ be with you." and respond: "And also with you.")

...to Proclaim God's Word

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47 <https://bit.ly/3f7AogC>
{Pick someone in your household to read this scripture passage.}

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 2:19-25 <https://bit.ly/2VM45Mu>
{Pick another person, if possible, to read this passage.}

GOSPEL READING John 10:1-10 <https://bit.ly/2W9gadr>

SERMON Rev. Andy Smothers

HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #387

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

{I invite you to pray as a household offering your various praises, thanksgivings, and requests to God aloud. Close with the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.

...to Give Thanks to God...

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his glorious resurrection overcame the power of sin and gave us new life.² For those offerings given in your name to the church and to others, we offer them in thankfulness for all that you have already done for us. Use these to your glory. AMEN.

...and to Be Sent in God's Name.

CLOSING HYMN "O God, You Are My God"

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE "Send Me, Jesus (Thuma mina)"

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¹ *Book of Common Worship*, 327.

² *Worship Sourcebook*, 658.