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Grace Episcopal Church
Virtual Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Readers: Skip & Jackie Almon
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Opening

Celebrant:
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People:
The Lord is risen indeed.
Alleluia!



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Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen



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The Collect

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.*



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First Reading: **Acts 4:5-12**

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People: Thanks be to God



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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.



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Second Reading: : 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us



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Gospel John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

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

People: Praise to you Lord Christ



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The Nicene Creed

Rev Grant's microphone open, all others muted

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen



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Prayers of the People - Reader

Leader: We give you thanks for the Risen Christ who lives in the Church throughout the world. Bless it Lord God, sustain it, and lead it into new life.

Leader: We thank you God of creation for the world around us, with the coming of spring, the use of our intellect and skill to enhance the well-being of all people, for those who grow our food, those who work while we sleep, the leaders and people of our towns, states, countries. We give thanks for the whole created order raised anew with the Risen Jesus.

Leader: We pray for all those longing for the assurance that new life comes from our past and present struggles. We pray now especially for those in any need, and especially those on our prayer list:

Dot B., Marilyn W., Kyle M., Jennifer M., Claire M., Muriel C., Daniel, Marjorie S., Tom D., JoAnn B., Vi G., Andrew D., Loren C., Richard T., Pat N., Rebecca T., Stephanie T., David T., George M., Alison S., Diane M., John V., Norm L., Janet D., Beth W., Ron, Nancy M., Michele T., Carole H.P., Nick, Autumn, Curtis C. & Grant

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Prayers of the People *continued*

Leader: We pray for those serving in the military, especially: Matt C., Baron S., Zachary S., Christopher, Monique & Joey

Leader: We give thanks for those whom we have loved but see no longer. They stand before you and pray for us, as we now pray for them to grow closer and closer into your love and light.

Leader allows a moment of quiet for all to name out loud or in the hearts those who have died.

Leader: We pray for the special intentions given this day, for those in need and thanksgiving for blessings

Leader or other person reads petitions entered into Zoom Chat

Leader: Are there other intercessions or thanksgivings others wish to name?

All are invited to unmute their lines and offer further prayer needs.

Celebrant: asks if there are any birthdays or anniversaries to be celebrated in the coming week, then prays for those named; if none come forward with birthdays or anniversaries, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

You may also add your prayers in the chat box, including birthday or anniversary remembrances.



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The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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



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A General Thanksgiving (2007 Version)

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

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A General Thanksgiving *continued*

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

Blessing

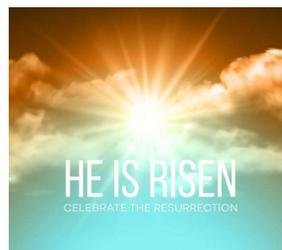


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Dismissal



**Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*People: Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*



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