

Fourth Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2020



OPENING HYMN

O flock of Christ, your praises bring
To Christ, the Lamb, your glorious King!
His Easter praise in triumph sing!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Peace has come down from God on high!
The King of Peace in death did lie!
To save the sheep, the Lamb did die!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Never on earth was stranger sight:
Life fought with death in darkest night,
Yet lives to reign in endless light!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Christ lives again whose Blood was shed,
The Lord of Life, our Living Bread!
The First-born risen from the dead!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 36-41

God has made Him both Lord and Christ.

PSALM RESPONSE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20-25

You have come back to the Shepherd of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my one sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and

the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

O Queen of all the Virgin Choir *is sung.*

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As the congregation are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, we are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

O Sacred Banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

At the start of May, we honour Our Lady in our final hymn:

Immaculate Mary, our hearts are on fire:
That title so wondrous fills all our desire.

Ave, ave, ave Maria! Ave, ave, ave Maria!

We pray for God's glory: may His Kingdom come.
We pray for His vicar, our father and Rome.

We pray for our mother, the Church upon earth,
And bless, sweetest Lady, the land of our birth.

For poor, sick, afflicted, thy mercy we crave;
And comfort the dying, thou light of the grave.

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