

✠ The Fourth Sunday of Easter ✠



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

[Glendale—Queens]

✠ Sunday, May 3, 2020 ✠

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

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sts. 1e–3e

- 1 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
- 2 Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
- 3 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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Refrain



A-la-ba - ré a - la-ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.



A-la-ba - ré a - la-ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.



- 1 John saw the num - ber of all those re - deemed,
- 2 Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
- 3 Sing with the peo - ple, the peo - ple of God,



And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
Whose blood has set us free from ev - 'ry sin.
And join cre - a - tion in a joy - ful hymn.



Thou - sands were pray - ing, Ten thou - sands re - joic - ing,
Pow - er and rich - es, And wis - dom and strength
Bless - ing and hon - or And glo - ry and might



And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
And hon - or and all bless - ing shall be His.
To God and to the Lamb be with - out end.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23



¹The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.

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

³He re- | stores my soul.*
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

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

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my | enemies;*
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup | overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days | of my life,*
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

VERSE

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

ALLELUIA

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . the names listed in our bulletin. . . ; those battling Covid-19 as patients. . . ; for those battling Covid-19 as doctors, nurses, and other medical staff. . . ; for those mourning the loss of loved ones due to Covid-19. . . ; for those mourning the loss of a job or income due to the economic crisis. . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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
 forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voters' Assembly Meeting: TODAY, May 3rd, at 10AM on Zoom. Information letter has been mailed. Phone # 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID # 930 7474 1370, and weblink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93074741370>.

Catechism Class: Resumes next week on Sunday, May 10th at 10AM on Zoom.

Emergency Fund: If you, or someone you love, are in need of financial assistance due to the Covid-19 crisis please reach out to us. We have set aside funds for your use.

Offerings: If you are able to give St. John's is currently accepting donations/tithes/offerings via the mail. Soon we will also be accepting offerings through an online giving option. More details to come!