



*Online Worship for the  
Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*May 3, 2020*

Prelude

As we gather to celebrate the new life we have in Jesus, the music offered before worship helps us to lift our hearts and set our minds on the One who rose from the grave, Jesus Christ our Lord!

“You Never Let Go”

Beth Redman & Matt Redman

Shout of Victory and Welcome

P: Alleluia! Christ is STILL risen! Ahhhhhh.

**C: He is STILL risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Gathering Prayer

P: Let us pray together:

**C: Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, as we gather to hear Your Word and sing Your praise in worship today, help us to hear Your voice; and as we depart, grant us the faith to follow wherever You may graciously lead us. In Your holy name we pray; Amen**

Hymn

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

LSB #822:1-3



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa -  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.  
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.  
ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -  
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in  
The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.  
that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.  
the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;  
Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.  
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.  
His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.  
There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.

Invocation and Opening Verses

*Drawn from Psalm 95*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit;

**C: Amen.**

P: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

**C let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

P: For He is our God,

**C and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is STILL risen; *Ahhhhhh*.

**C: He is STILL risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Words of Confession

*Drawn from Psalm 23*

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

*Brief silence for confession.*

P: Good Shepherd, You already know how often we have forsaken the nourishment and rest You provide for our bodies and our souls.

**C: Forgive us, Good Shepherd, and lead us to be grateful for Your tender care; Amen.**

L: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

**C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

*Brief silence for confession.*

P: Good Shepherd, You already know how easily distracted we are, how prone we are to wandering away, and how we have even ignored You when You have called us by name.

**C: Forgive us, Good Shepherd, and help us to hear Your voice and follow You; Amen.**

L: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

**C: for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

*Brief silence for confession.*

P: Good Shepherd, You already know how in our darkest hours, we have struggled in faith, and have wondered whether You might have abandoned us.

**C: Forgive us, Good Shepherd, and bless us never to doubt Your presence and protection.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

*Brief silence for confession.*

P: Good Shepherd, You already know how busy we make ourselves, and how we set our minds on the things of this world and neglect the things that are above.

**C: Forgive us, Good Shepherd, and help us to treasure the blessings You give us day by day; Amen.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*Brief silence for confession.*

P: Good Shepherd, You already know how we take Your goodness and mercy toward us for granted, and how we have been slow to share these gracious gifts with others.

**C: Forgive us, Good Shepherd, and inspire us to generously share Your goodness and mercy so that many may live in Your house forever. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

*Drawn from 1 Peter 2*

P: Jesus 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! For you were straying like sheep, but now you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



So, fellow sheep of the Good Shepherd, hear, receive, and believe the forgiveness Jesus won for you by His death and resurrection: In His name, on His behalf, and at His command, I rejoice to proclaim to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

#### The Peace

P: May the peace of Christ Jesus, our Good Shepherd, be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please share the Lord's peace with those at home with you, or with a comment to everyone on the livestream.*

#### Hymn

"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

LSB #822:4

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing;**

**Blest be His name forever!**

**With angel hosts let us adore, and sing His praises evermore**

**for all His grace and favor!**

**Singing, ringing:**

**Holy, holy, God is holy;**

**Spread the story of our God, the Lord of glory!**

#### Prayer of the Day

P: Alleluia! Christ is STILL risen; *Ahhhhhh*.

**C: He is STILL risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Let us pray together:

**C: O God, help us to hear the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, so that when He calls us by name we will gladly follow where He leads, going in and out and finding both pasture and abundant life; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; Amen.**

#### Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For 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. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.

<sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. <sup>23</sup>When 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. <sup>24</sup>He 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. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>[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. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The 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

"Security Door"

Pastor Adam Wiegand

Hymn

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB #740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

### Nicene Creed

P: We confess our faith and our living hope through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

### Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

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### Prayers of the Church

P: Good Shepherd, even as we know Your voice, we trust that you know ours, and are gracious to hear our prayers for ourselves, and for all the people of Your pasture, and the sheep of Your hand.

I: We pray for the whole Church, that through it the goodness of God be shared and the Good News of salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are in need, assured of the Shepherd's care for all of His sheep. Help us to meet the needs of those who travel with us through life as we are led by our Good Shepherd day by day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

I: We pray for the nations of the world, asking that still waters of peace flow around the globe and that there be goodness and kindness among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for our families and everyone in them. Together help us to follow the Good Shepherd as one flock in which all dwell together in love and unity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

I: We pray for those whose tables are set in difficult or challenging places, whose lives know want or discord or sadness or continuing illness, especially these that we remember before You . . . Gently guide them with Your rod and staff, Good Shepherd, and keep them ever with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are drawn and are still listening to the voice of the strangers, impostors, thieves and robbers. Good Shepherd, speak clearly and mercifully to them, so that they may hear Your voice of love, and turn away from all who would lead them astray. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

I: With gratefulness we remember those who already dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Inspire us to pass throughout our earthly journeys with faith and hope as we heed the voice of our Good Shepherd and follow in His ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### Benediction

P: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through ✠ Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

### Hymn

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

LSB #735



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

## Closing Prayer

P: Lead us by Your voice, Good Shepherd, for by Your grace we have come again to the beginning of a new week. Into Your hands we place the tasks that we face, the problems that we are called to solve, the fears that we dread, and the hopes toward which we press, knowing that only what You bless will prosper. We commit each other and all those we love to Your love and protection, knowing that in You alone do we have peace in life and even in death.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending and Farewell

P: We are Gathered by God—

**C: To Share the Love of Jesus!**

P: Go in Peace; Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

"You Never Let Go"

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death—  
Your perfect love is casting out fear.  
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life—  
I won't turn back; I know You are near.**

*Refrain:*

**And I will fear no evil for my God is with me.  
And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?**

**Oh, no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm.  
Oh, no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh, no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.**

**And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on;  
A glorious light beyond all compare.  
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth.**

*Refrain:*

**Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on;  
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes—  
Still I will praise You, Still I will praise You!**

*Refrain:*

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