

we lift our voices to praise You, saying:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

We praise You especially for Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by His death on the cross and rising to new life offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for His people.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive praise and honour, and glory and power, for ever and ever!

We thank You for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who eat and drink them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, believing our Saviour's word, may be partakers of His body and blood.

To Jesus Christ who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Come let us eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

BREAKING THE BREAD & PRAYER

We break this bread and take this cup so that we can share in the life of Christ. God's gifts for God's people.

COMMUNION

Take, eat, remember and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for a complete remission of all our sins.

Take, drink, remember and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for a complete remission of all our sins.

PRAYER

(Say a short prayer from your heart)

HYMN: 530 "Now Let Us from this Table Rise"

BLESSING

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

EASTER 4

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us sing of the beauty around us! *Let us sing of the beauty within!*

O hear the earth tell that all shall be well!

All shall be well. In our bliss, in our sorrow, in the sun and in the rain, all shall be well.

INVOCATION

Put Your music in our soul, O Lord. If we have lost our song, help us find it. If our joy has dried up, water us with the lyrics of Your love. If our voices are flat, enliven us with the energy of life. O Lord, receive this act of worship and praise, to the glory and honour of Your name.

HYMN: 134 *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

CONFESSION

God calls us to live our lives to His glory. Jesus said: *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength”. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: “Love your neighbour as yourself”. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.* But we fail to honour Him as we should and to respond to His love for us. Recognising our guilt and trusting in God’s mercy and grace, let us confess our sins together.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father we have gone our own way, not loving You as we ought, not loving our neighbour as ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. We deserve Your condemnation. Father, forgive us. Help us to love You and our neighbour, and to live for Your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Merciful Father, we rejoice that You pardon and forgive those who truly repent and trust in Your Son. Deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM 23

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN: 10 *“The Lord’s My Shepherd”*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: *“Ancient Words”*

BIBLE READINGS -

Acts 2:42-47 (Page 1079)

John 10:1-18 (Pages 1062)

MESSAGE: *“The Good Shepherd”*

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HYMN: 145 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

OFFERING - *“Honour the Lord with your wealth”.* Proverbs 3:9

HYMN: 510 *“My God, Your Table Now is Spread”*

COMMUNION

At the heart of the Christian life is active trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death for sin.

In this symbolic meal, originated from Jesus’ Last Supper with His disciples, we express and strengthen our trust in Him, as we eat and drink with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Come then with heartfelt repentance and genuine trust in the Lord Jesus, recognising the significance of sharing in this way.

PRAYER

We do not presume to come to Your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our righteousness, but in Your boundless goodness and mercy. We are not even worthy to eat the crumbs under Your table, but You are the same Lord, always rich in mercy. Enable us by faith to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that we may be cleansed from sin and forever dwell in Him, and He in us. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *He is worthy of all praise.*

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created. Therefore, with all those gathered around Your throne in heaven,