

The Worship of God
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

Call to Worship

Holy God, come to us now we pray.
Come and convict us of our sin.

**Convince us of your grace
and calm our worry in your presence.**

Come with power, for we are faced with things beyond us.

Come with glory that it might shine forth in us.

We lift our hearts to you . . . **we lift them up to the Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this is our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,

For thyself best gift divine unto us so freely given
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Silent Meditation

"Communion creates community. . . Communion makes us look at each other and speak to each other, not about the latest news, but about him who walked with us. We discover each other as people who belong together because each of us now belongs to him. We are alone because he disappeared from our sight, but we are together because each of us is in communion with him and so, has become one body through him."
-- Henri Nouwen

Gospel Reading
John 10:1-10

Pastoral Prayer

**God's mercy, God's mercy, God's mercy round us all.
Healing mercy . . .
Endless mercy . . .
Trust God's mercy . . .
Rest in mercy . . .**

New Testament Reading
Acts 2:42-47

The Word of the Lord for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Song of Preparation

**Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth you have for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unlock and set me free.
Silently now, on bended knee,
ready I wait your will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Sermon

Prayer of Trust

God, speak your words of peace . . .

...into all those places of chaos and need.

...into places of pain and sickness.

...into lonely and discouraged hearts.

...into broken lives and relationships.

...into our own anxious and distracted hearts.

Peace be still.

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Benediction

**Go in peace, live in grace,
trust in the arms that will hold you.**

**Go in peace, live in grace,
trust God's love.**



We Are All One in Christ

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