

Readings, Hymns, Collects

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2021 at 9am

Opening | *Come and Journey*

Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.

*Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's precious children;
in the Spirit we are one.*

Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving, in our sin.

*Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's precious children;
in the Spirit we are one.*

Come and journey, journey outward,
telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory,
of his cross and of the shame.

*Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's precious children;
in the Spirit we are one.*

Collect

Eternal God,
from whose gentle hands
none can snatch us away:
give us faith to believe

that we are known and loved
with a passion strong enough
to bring the whole world back to you;
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you,
the Source of life. Amen.

The First Reading | *Acts 9:36-43*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles ...

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
**You make me lie down in green pastures
and lead me beside still waters.**

You revive my soul
and guide me along right pathways for your
name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,
I shall fear no evil;**

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;**

you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel | *John 10:22-30*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them

out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Second Hymn | *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Serve God with joy, God's praises tell,
Come now before God and rejoice!

The Lord our mighty God is good,
God's mercy is for ever sure;
God's truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Closing | *Go Make a Difference*

Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world

We are the salt of the earth
Called to let the people see
The love of God for you and me
We are the light of the world
Not to be hidden but be seen
Go make a difference in the world

Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world

We are the hands of Christ
Reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope
We are the voice of peace
Go make a difference in the world

Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world

So let your love shine on
Let it shine for all to see
Go make a difference in the world
And the Spirit of Christ
Will be with us as we go
Go make a difference in the world

Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
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