



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome! Everything you need to follow along with today's service can be found in this liturgy guide.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

The Church's one foundation

Hymnal 525

All stand, as able.

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

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1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Song of Praise

Celtic Alleluia

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

Verses

ia!

- *1. Now he is liv - ing, the Christ. _
2. Christ is the first fruits from death, _
- **3. Give thanks to the Lord who is good. _ The
4. The right hand of God raised me up. _ The
5. The stone which the build - ers re - ject-ed be -

1. Out of the tomb he is ris - en; he has con- quered death,
2. fill- ing the church with his glo - ry! Dark- ness van - ish - es
3. love of the Lord knows no end - ing. All in Is - ra - el
4. hand of the Lord ___ has tri- umphed. I shall nev - er die,
5. comes _ the cor - ner- stone cho - sen. Praise the work of God

1. o - pened heav - en to all ___ be - liev - ers. ___
2. in the light ___ of ___ his pow - er. ___
3. say: "God's love ___ has ___ no end." ___
4. I shall live ___ tell - ing God's deeds. ___
5. for this mar - vel ___ in ___ our eyes! ___

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Presider The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

After the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The Lector leads the reading of the Psalm.

¹ O God, you are my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

² You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters.

³ You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

The Second Reading

After the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel is processed around the assembly. You may touch, kiss, or reverence the Gospel as it passes.

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to _____.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel is proclaimed:

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able.



*We believe / in one God,
The Father, / the Almighty,
Maker of heaven / and earth,
Of all that is, / seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, / Jesus Christ,
The only / Son of God,
Eternally begotten of / the Father,
God from God, / Light from Light,*

*True God / from true God,
Begot / ten, not made,
Of one Being with / the Father.
Through him all / things were made.*

*For us and for / our salvation
He came / down from heaven:
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Vir/gin Mary,
And became / truly human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under / Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death / and was buried.
On the third day he rose / again
In accordance / with the scriptures.*

*He ascended / into heaven
And is seated at the right hand / of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and / the dead,
And his kingdom will / have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the gi/ver of life,
Who proceeds / from the Father.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped / and glorified.
Who has spoken / through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apo/stolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive / ness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of / the dead,
and the life of the world to / come. Amen.*

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The Prayers of the People

After each petition:

Intercessor Risen God;

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.

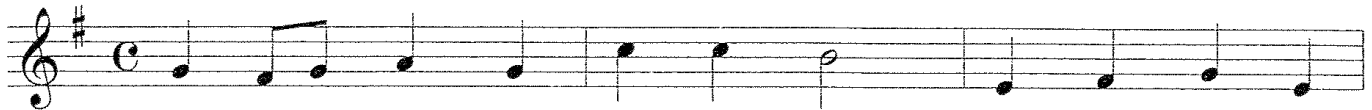
Offertory Hymn & Procession

For the beauty of the earth

Advocate Songbook 30

All are invited to come forward as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves.

Give to the Advocate online: <https://tinyurl.com/GiveToAdvocate>



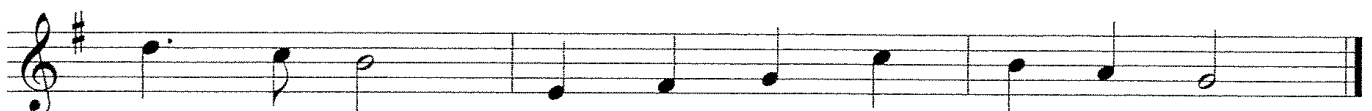
1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
5. For your church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly
6. For your - self, best Gift Di - vine! To this world so



of the skies, For the love which from our birth
of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;
hands a - bove, Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore
free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,



O - ver and a - round us lies:
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to
For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpont, 1835-1917

Tune: DIX. 7 7 7 7 77: arr. from Conrad Kocher. 1786-1872. by William H. Monk, 1823-1889

The Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall away from God, and the redemption of the world by Christ. After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:

Presider Therefore we proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer, the People respond in a loud voice, 'AMEN!'

Celebrant: As our Sa-vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, —

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -

give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871-1940)

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.

Presider Behold what you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

The Presider invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.

Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in person receive:

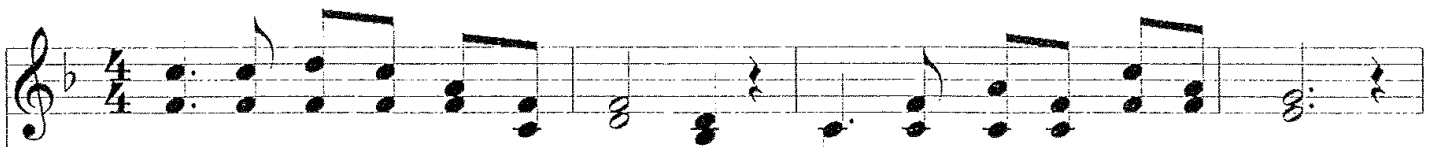
Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

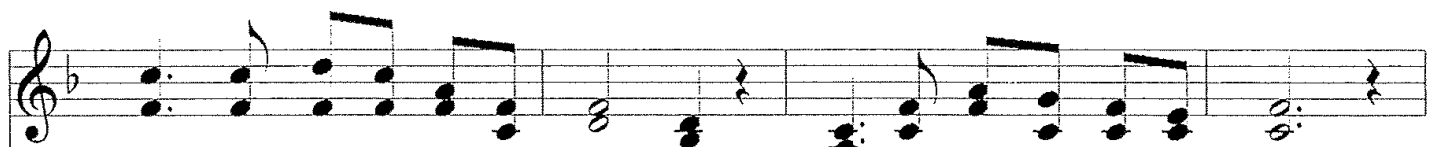
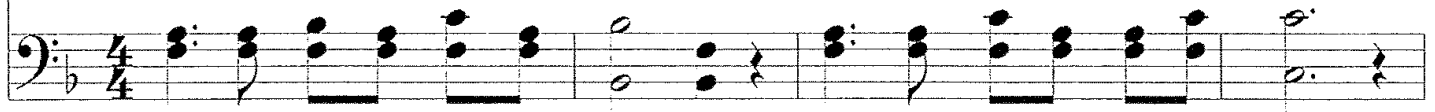
Communion Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus

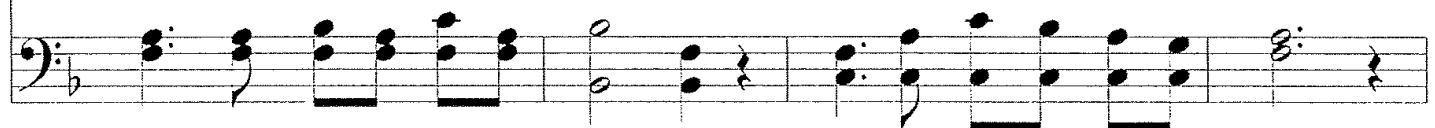
Advocate Songbook 91



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus. All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en. Cum - bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - `ry - thing to God in prayer!
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge. Take it to the Lord in prayer.



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1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit. Oh, what need-less pain we bear.
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866)
 Music: Charles C. Converse (1832-1918)
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Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

1. Je - sus. Je - sus. Je - sus in the morn - ing
 2. Praise___ Him. Praise___ Him. Praise Him in the morn - ing
 3. Love___ Him. Love___ Him. Love Him in the morn - ing
 4. Serve___ Him. Serve___ Him. Serve Him. in the morn - ing
 5. Je - sus. Je - sus. Je - sus in the morn - ing

1. Je - sus in the noon - time: Je - sus.
 2. Praise Him in the noon - time: Praise___ Him.
 3. Love Him in the noon - time: Love___ Him.
 4. Serve Him in the noon - time: Serve___ Him.
 5. Je - sus in the noon - time: Je - sus.

1. Je - sus. Je - sus when the sun goes down!
 2. Praise___ Him. Praise Him when the sun goes down!
 3. Love___ Him. Love Him when the sun goes down!
 4. Serve___ Him. Serve Him when the sun goes down!
 5. Je - sus. Je - sus when the sun goes down!

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 Music: Negro Spiritual
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Dismissal

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond in a loud voice, 'Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!'

The Ministers and People sing the Easter Troparion (next page) and dance out of the chapel and into a new, resurrected world.

Easter Troparion

Three times

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tram - pling down death by death,
and up - on those in the tombs, be - stow - ing life.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is a simple, rhythmic melody with a steady bass line.

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All Alleluia!



Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Advocate

Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, we're so glad to have you worship with us today!

Here at the Advocate, we believe in the core principles of compassion, justice, and transformation, which are expressed in the rhythms of our worship. The ancient word for what we do is 'liturgy,' which means 'the work of the people,' and it is the work of the Advocate to pray and break bread together, as our Sunday morning liturgy inspires us to go into the world proclaiming the love of Jesus. We therefore encourage the people gathered to participate fully, by your prayers, your singing, and your presence.

The songs we sing come from the blue *Hymnal 1982*, as well as our Advocate Songbook, which features music from other resources such as *Lift Every Voice and Sing*; *Wonder, Love, and Praise*; *Voices Found*; the American shape note tradition; Taizé; St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church; and more. All are used with copyright permission.

Founded at the turn of the century as a mission of the three Orange County Episcopal congregations, the Advocate has been a place of rest and refuge for believers of all sorts. We welcome every expression of the human condition and encourage questions and conversation, as we explore together what it means to be followers of Jesus in an ever changing and confusing world. In 2023 we achieved parish status, and we're excited for this new season in which we're continuing to learn and grow into what it means to be a witness of Christ's love for the wider community.



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We are a people of prayer and action, eager to serve our neighbors near and far. Through intergenerational formation, worship, and fellowship opportunities, we offer a place for anyone and everyone to explore their own faith and find the strength and support of a loving community of seekers.

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. Welcome to the Advocate!



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