

*Welcome to*  
**Holy Martyrs Catholic Church**

*April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

This Easter season the readings have been similar to each other in that they reveal the presence of the risen Lord in the life of the Church. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles today shares Peter's testimony before the Jews, who cannot understand the relationship Jesus has with his followers. In the second reading, Saint John affirms the Father's love for each of us through his Son; this makes us all his children. Today's Gospel does not tell of another of Jesus' encounters with his disciples but, instead, invites us to understand the intimacy we each have with the Lord. We don't need to recognize the Lord; he knows us all just like the shepherd knows and loves his sheep. This Good Shepherd Sunday should foster a better understanding of our relationship with the Lord. We should pray for our spiritual shepherds and see in them God's love for us; this will help them continue to honor the responsibilities God has entrusted them with.

**JOIN IN THE DANCE**

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Join in the dance of the earth's ju - bi - la - tion! This is the feast of the  
love of God. Shout from the heights to the ends of cre - a - tion:  
Je - sus the Sav - ior is ris - en from the grave!

Verses

1. Wake, O peo - ple; sleep no long - er; greet the  
2. All cre - a - tion, like a moth - er, la - bors  
3. Now our shame be - comes our glo - ry on this  
4. None on earth, no prince or pow - er, nei - ther  
5. Love's tri - um - phant day of vic - t'ry heav - en  
6. Christ for - ev - er, Lord of a - ges, Love be -

1. break - ing day! Christ, Re - deem - er,  
2. to give birth. Soon the pain will  
3. ho - ly tree. Now the reign of  
4. death nor life, noth - ing now can  
5. o - pens wide. On the tree of  
6. yond our dreams: Christ, our hope of

to Refrain

1. Lamb and Li - on, turns the night a - way!  
2. be for - got - ten, joy for all the earth!  
3. death is end - ed; now we are set free!  
4. ev - er part us from the love of Christ!  
5. hope and glo - ry death it - self has died!  
6. heav - en's glo - ry, all that yet will be!

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Lord have mercy – Christ have mercy – Lord have mercy.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
dore you, we glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
Lord God, hea-ven - ly king, O God, al-migh - ty Fath-er. —  
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fa - ther. you take a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy on us, — you take a-way the sins of the world,  
re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand  
of the Fath-er, — have mer - cy on us. —  
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A - men, A - men,  
 A - men, A - men.

## Liturgy of the Word

9:30am  
 Children's exit  
 for the Word!

Gath-er, gath-er, one and all. Gath-er, gath-er,  
 Go now, sent now, filled with God's grace. Go now, sent now,  
 hear the Lord's call. Chil-dren run joy-ful-ly,  
 in God's em-brace. Led by the Spi-rit to  
 the Lord is here. Our God is speak-ing for  
 live in God's Word. Shout from the moun-tain-tops  
 all to hear. Gath-er, gath-er, Good News to share.  
 'til all have heard. Go now, share now, God's Ho-ly Word!

## ACTS

### Chapter

4

### Verses

8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:

"Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. *He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.* There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

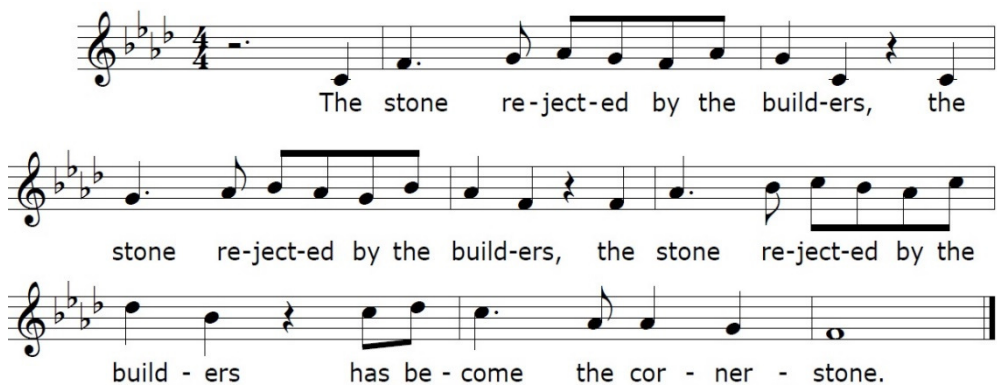
We respond  
with a refrain  
from

## PSALM

### 118

Verses 1, 8-9,  
21-23, 26, 28,  
29

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The stone re-ject-ed by the build-ers, the  
stone re-ject-ed by the build-ers, the stone re-ject-ed by the  
build - ers has be - come the cor - ner - stone.

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.*

*It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.*

*It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.*

*R.*

*I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.*

*The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

*By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.*

*R.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD;*

*we bless you from the house of the LORD.*

*I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.*

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.*

*R.*

## 1<sup>st</sup> JOHN

### Chapter 3

#### Verses 1-2

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.

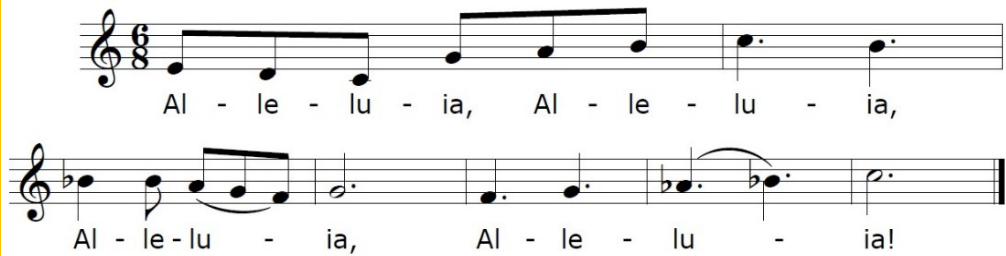
Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Our resurrection  
acclamation as  
we are about to  
hear the Gospel  
of the Lord!

*Music CPILG*



**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

## JOHN

### Chapter 10

Verses:  
11-18

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

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

## Homily \* Prayers of the People

9:30 Choir -

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” .....John Michael Trotta

# LIKE A SHEPHERD

Bob Dufford, SJ

**Refrain**

Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his  
arms, hold-ing them care-ful-ly close to his heart,  
lead-ing them home. home, lead-ing them home.

**Verses 1, 2**

1. Say to the cit-ies of Ju - dah: Pre-pare the  
2. I my - self will shep-herd them, for oth-ers have  
1. way of the Lord. Go to the moun-tain-top,  
2. led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and  
to Refrain  
1. lift your voice: Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God.  
2. heal their wounds and pas-ture them, giv-ing them rest.

**Verse 3**

3. Come un-to me if you are heav-i-ly bur-dened, and  
3. take my yoke up-on your shoul-ders. I will give you rest.

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**Priest:** Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father

**People:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church

The Lord be with you – **And with your spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts - **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God – **It is right and just.**

Before we sing the “Holy, Holy,” the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father in a prayer and gives thanks to God for the whole work of salvation.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of  
 hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est.  
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est.

As part of the Eucharistic prayer, we acclaim our faith together.

The mystery of faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
 we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

We respond to the entire Eucharistic prayer

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God Almighty Father, in unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

A - men, A - men. A - men.

# The Lord's Prayer

**Agnus Dei qui  
tollis peccata  
mundi**

**Miserere nobis**

**Dona Nobis  
Pacem**



Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the  
sins of the world, grant us peace. Grant us peace.

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**A prayer for all  
unable to  
physically be  
here today.**

## *Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

**This music plays  
in the  
background as  
Eucharistic  
Ministers receive  
communion**

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui:  
Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Humbly let us voice our homage for so great a sacrament.  
Let all former rites surrender to the Lord's New Testament.  
What our senses fail to fathom, let us grasp through faith's consent



# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

## Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With



gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O



sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

## Verses



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your  
 praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us  
 blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
 self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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 Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM with refrain; Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996  
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# Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age; till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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