

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

*Hymns are only given here to accompany the on-line Celebration of Mass during the covid-19 Pandemic.
Unless otherwise stated all hymns are taken from our parish hymn books,
'Laudate,' and 'Hymns Old & New,' and my own hymn book collections.*

Entrance: Laudate. No 270

Christ is alive, with joy we sing; we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of His name. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He is the grain of wheat that died, sown in distress and reaped in joy,
yielding a harvest of new life. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He is the sun which brings the dawn. He is the light of all the world.
setting us free from death and sin. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He is the vine set in the earth, sharing our life, becoming man,
that we might share in God's own life. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He is the bread which comes from God, broken to feed us in our need,
given to bring eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gloria: Laudate. No 532

Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

Glory to God in the heights of the heavens. Peace to God's people, all people on earth.
Son of the Father, all glory and worship; praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God.
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, receive our prayer.
Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father, Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.
And with the Spirit of love everlasting, reigning in glory for ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14.36-41

Psalm: - *Psalm 22: The Lord is my Shepherd.*

(written by Fr John McLoughlin and sung to an old Irish tune)

Second Reading: The First Letter of St Peter 2:20-25

Easter Alleluia:

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Homily

Creed

Prayer of the Faithful: *R/* ...for you are the Good Shepherd.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts: Songs of the Spirit 3. No 231

Refrain:

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock,
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.**

Say to the cities of Judah: 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice: Jerusalem here is your God.

I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them, giving them rest.

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders.
I will give you rest.

Communion: Laudate. No 804

The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no I'll with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional: The Leeds Catholic Hymnal 56

Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest Flower of the vale

Refrain

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May (*Repeat*)

Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee,
Ah! Grant that thy children on earth be as true;
as long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue. ***R/***

Sing joyf'ly in chorus; the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strain we begin upon earth;
their harps are repeating the notes of our greeting,
for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth. ***R/***