

Preparing for the Service

*Welcome to a time of quiet reflection
in order to prepare for worship.*

*Focus on the Lord. Pray for your own
concerns. Pray for our church. Pray
for our world.*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Renewed Ancient Text (BCP 2019)

Opening Song

Praise to the Lord

H390

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation
O my soul praise Him
for He is thy health and
salvation**

**Join the great throng
Psaltery, organ, and song,
Sounding in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper thy way and
defend thee
surely His goodness and mercy
shall ever attend thee**

**Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
Who with His love
doth befriend thee**

Praise to the Lord!

**○ let all that is in me adore Him!
all that hath life and breath
come now with praises
before Him!**

**Let the Amen
sound from His people again
gladly forever adore Him.**

The Acclamation

BCP 123

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen
indeed! Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

BCP 124

**Almighty God, to you all hearts
are open, all desires known, and
from you no secrets are hid:**

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

BCP 124

*We are reminded of the essence
of God's commandments for us.*

The Kyrie

BCP 124

Celebrant Lord, have mercy
upon us.

***People* Christ, have mercy
upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy
upon us.

Gloria!

(Ode to Joy)

**Glory be to God in heaven
peace to those
who love Him well
on the earth let all His people
speak His grace
His wonders tell**

**Lord we praise You
for Your glory
mighty Father, heaven's King
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the praise we bring**

**Only Son of God the Father
Lamb Who takes our sin away
now with Him
in triumph seated
for Your mercy
Lord we pray**

**Jesus Christ,
most high and holy
Savior You are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit
Three in One.**

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect
of the Day*

The First Reading
Acts 6:1-9,7:2a,51-60

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

**¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**

**2 He makes me lie down in
green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

**He leads me in paths of
righteousness for his
name's sake.**

**4 Even though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

**5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of
the LORD forever.**

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:13-25

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Song

The Strife is O'er

H208

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done
Now is the Victor's triumph won
Now be the song of praise begun
Alleluia!**

**The powers of death
have done their worst
but Christ their legions has
dispersed
let shouts of holy joy out-burst.
Alleluia!**

The Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel (†) of
our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel:

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

Gospeler: Jesus said to His disciples,
“Let the children come to me; do not
hinder them,

***People:* For to such belongs the
kingdom of God.**

Gospeler: Let us pray together:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who took little children into your arms and blessed them: Bless the children of this church, that they may grow up in godly fear and love.

Give them your strength and guidance day by day, that they may continue in your love and service to their lives' end. Grant this, O blessed Savior, for your own Name's sake. Amen.

The Gradual Song

The Strife is O'er

H208

**The three sad days
are quickly sped
He rises glorious from the dead
all glory to our risen Head
Alleluia!**

**He broke the agebound
chains of hell
the bars from heav'ns
high portals fell
Let hymns of praise
His triumph tell.
Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 127

*An ancient statement of the core beliefs of
the Christian faith*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, 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 from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection (†)
of the dead,
and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

BCP 128

After each bidding:

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant prays closing prayer

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 129-130

Let us humbly confess our sins to
Almighty God.

Silence

*The Deacon and People kneel as
able and pray*

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our
whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly
repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, (†) pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

The priest reads one or more passages of Scripture which assure us of God's forgiveness and grace.

The Peace

BCP 131

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord
be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant says the Offertory
Sentence*

Offertory Song

Psalm 23

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The Lord's my Shepherd

I'll not want

He makes me lie

in pastures green

He leads me by the still

still waters

His goodness restores my soul.

**And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy
follows me
Your goodness will lead me
home.**

**He guides my ways
in righteousness
And He anoints my head with
oil
And my cup
it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights.**

**And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy
follows me
Your goodness will lead me
home.**

**And though I walk
the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
for You are with me
and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know**

**And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy
follows me
Your goodness will lead me
home.**

The Doxology

Doxology (Old 100th)

H380

Please Stand

**Praise God from whom all
blessings flow**

**Praise Him all creatures
here below.**

**Praise Him above ye
heavenly hosts**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*The celebrant receives the offering
and blesses it to be used for the
purposes of the Gospel.*

*The celebrant then washes their
hands with the help of an acolyte,
and prays that God might use their
hands to provide for His people
through the Eucharist.*

The Sursum Corda

BCP 132

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to
the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the
Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him
thanks and praise.**

*The priest continues the prayer,
speaking of one of the many
reasons why it is right to give God
thanks and praise.*

The Sanctus

Bethencourt

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord
God of power, of power
and might
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord
God of power, of power
and might
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He
Who comes in the
name of the Lord.**

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name of the Lord.**

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 132

*Unforgetting who God is and what
He has done for us, and all of His
creation, in and through His Son,
Jesus Christ*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery
of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 134

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

BCP 135

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our
Passover Lamb has
been sacrificed, once
for all upon the cross.

People **Therefore let us keep
the feast. Alleluia!**

The Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 135

Celebrant and People together say

**We do not presume to come to this,
your table, O merciful Lord, trusting
in our own righteousness, but in
your abundant and great mercies.**

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son
Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be
made clean by his body, and our
souls washed through his most
precious blood, and that we may
evermore dwell in him, and he in
us. Amen.**

The Agnus Dei

**Behold the Lamb
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**Behold the Lamb Who bears our
sins away, slain for us
and we remember
the promise made that all who
come in faith find
forgiveness at the cross**

**So we share, in this bread of life
and we drink, of His sacrifice
as a sign, of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.**

The Ministration of Communion

BCP 136

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to take Communion.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward, cross your arms, and receive a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

A prayer team is available in the narthex to pray for healing or other concerns.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

H645

**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.**

**And so through all
the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd
may I sing Thy praise
within Thy house for ever.**

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

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**Though I may speak
with bravest fire
and have the gift, to all inspire
and have not love
my words are vain
as sounding brass
and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give, all I possess
and striving so, my love profess
but not be giv'n by love within
the profit soon
turns strangely thin.**

**Come Spirit come
our hearts control
our spirits long, to be made
whole**

**Let inward love, guide ev'ry deed
By this we worship and are
freed.**

○ Praise the Name

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Please Stand

**I cast my mind to Calvary
where Jesus bled and died for
me
I see His wounds, His hands His
feet
my Saviour on, that cursed tree.**

**His body bound and
drenched in tears
they laid Him down
in Joseph's tomb
the entrance sealed,
by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone.**

**O praise the name of the Lord
our God**

**O praise His name forever more
for endless days**

we will sing Your praise

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

**And then on the third
at break of dawn
the Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death
where is your sting
the angels roar for Christ the
King.**

**O praise the name of the Lord
our God**

**O praise His name forever more
for endless days
we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.**

**He shall return in robes of white
the blazing Son shall pierce the
night
and I will rise among the saints
my gaze transfixed on Jesus'
face.**

**O praise the name of the Lord
our God**

**O praise His name forever more
for endless days**

we will sing Your praise

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Post-Communion Verse

BCP 136

The Celebrant offers a sentence of Scripture from the day's readings, as a reminder that what we have received from the table is the same reality we received from the Word.

Silent Prayer

*We take time to open ourselves
to any word from the Lord, either
for ourselves or for the
congregation.*

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 137

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

**and for assuring us in these holy
mysteries that we are living
members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now Father, send us out to do
the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful
witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy
Spirit, be honor and glory, now and
forever. Amen.**

Announcements

**We desire to be a church family
that forms disciples, lives
generously, and shares the love of
God in our neighborhoods**

Today

Thank you for joining us for worship
today!

Join us for fellowship after the
service.

Ways to Connect

Fellowship Meal - after the service

Dinner & Evening Prayer - April 30,
5pm / 6pm

SDRM Graduation - Saturday, May
2nd, 10am, First Presbyterian Church

The Blessing

BCP 137

...and the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father (†), the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be among you
and remain with you always.

Amen.

Lead On O King Eternal

H555

**Lead on O King eternal
the day of march has come
henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home**

**Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong
and now O King eternal
we lift our battle song.**

**Lead on O King eternal
we follow not with fears
for gladness breaks like
morning
where'er Thy face appears**

**Thy cross is lifted o'er us
we journey in its light
the crown awaits the conquest
lead on O God of might!**

The Dismissal

BCP 138

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let us go forth in the
Name of Christ

***People* Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

