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## **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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It is our privilege to have you come worship with us and share in  
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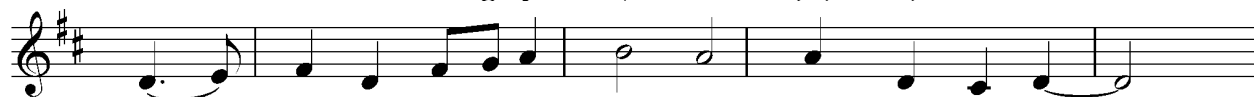
Sunday April 21, 2024  
10:00 AM

## Prelude Fugue in C Major – George Frederic Handel

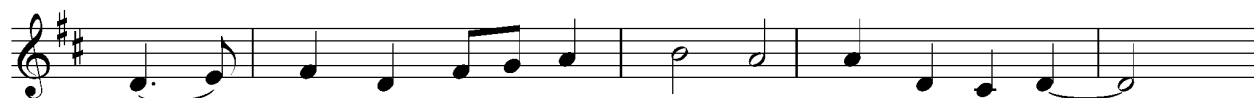
# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### ENTRANCE HYMN *Jesus, our mighty Lord (Monk's Gate) (H 478)*



1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness,—  
2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing,—  
3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing,—



the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness;—  
in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing.—  
true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing:—



your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;  
You are your - self the Way: lead us then day by day  
all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;



you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.  
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.  
the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

*The Collect of Purity is a preparatory prayer of priest and people for God to cleanse our hearts and prepare us for worship. It has been used at the opening of the Anglican Eucharist since 1549.*

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

## SONG OF PRAISE S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell) (BCP p. 356)*

*The following is sung, all standing*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

*The Collect of the Day concludes the entrance rite and introduces the Liturgy of the Word. These prayers are usually related in theme to the Gospel or the observance of the day.*

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:  
 Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who  
 calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy  
 Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

*The public reading of scripture is a part of our inheritance from Judaism, and the adoption of the practice by the early church is attested in the New Testament. The Liturgy of the Word includes a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), a Psalm, an Epistle, and a Gospel lesson followed by a sermon. It concludes with the recitation of the Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, the Confession, the Absolution, and the Peace.*

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>5</sup>The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## PSALM: Psalm 23

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the First letter of John.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

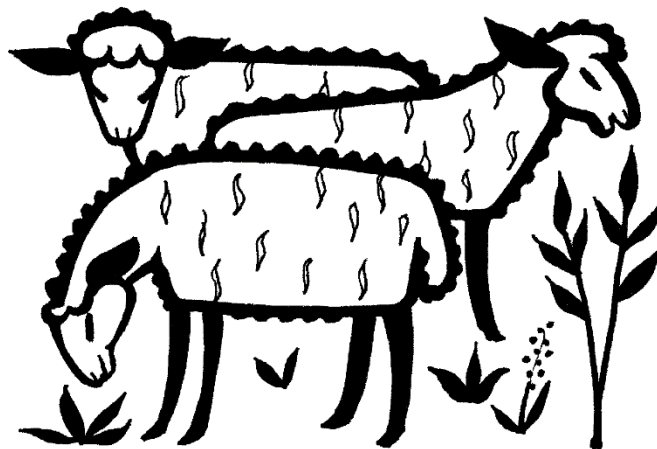
<sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*



**SEQUENCE HYMN *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (Gelobt sei Gott) (H 205)***

*All stand.*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

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

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

## GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

*All stand, as able, for the reading of the Gospel, which is preceded and followed by acclamations directed to Christ. The Gospel holds a place of honor as the final reading. The Gospel procession is symbolic of the Word coming to the people.*

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON (BCP p. 358) The Rev. Lee Powers

### THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

*The Nicene Creed is our common affirmation of faith. It states what we as a church believe, even as an individual understanding may grow and change over time.*

*All stand.*

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,  
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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 p. 359)

*The people join in  
heart and prayer to  
offer our common  
petitions,  
intercessions, and  
thanksgivings to God.*

*All remain standing.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

A Prayer for The Middle East

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation,  
Pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:  
Jews, Muslims, and Christians, Palestinians, and Israelis.

Let hatred be turned into love,

Fear to trust,

Despair to hope,

Oppression to freedom,

Occupation to liberation,

And that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces,

And that peace and justice can be experienced by all. Amen.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord, hear the prayer of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen..

## CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

*The Confession of Sin is the corporate acknowledgement of our sin ("missing the mark") and our desire to live into the fullness of God's will for us by accepting God's mercy and forgiveness.*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*              And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

*The Celebrant says*

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM Christ is made the sure foundation – Dale Wood**

## **PRESENTATION HYMN *From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th) (H 380)***

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)**

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.

*People*            We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### **PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us,

and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS S 125 *Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)* (BCP p. 367)**

*Celebrant and People*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

## **EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Anselm, Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

*The Lord's Prayer forms the natural climax of our participation in Christ's self-offering. Our corporate recitation binds us together at a focal point in the celebration and expresses our unity with one another in Christ.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM *S 155 Christ our Passover (Near)* (BCP p. 364)

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*This setting is not used in Lent.*

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

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

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

## INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

*The Celebrant says*

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.

## DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*

## COMMUNION VOLUNTARY      The Good Shepherd – Dom Paul Benoit

### COMMUNION HYMN *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (St. Agnes)* (H 343)

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness,                      with wa - ter      from      the      rock.  
 trav - el      on                      to      our      a - bid - ing - place.  
 us,      and      spread                      thy      ta - ble      in      our      heart.  
 heaven - ly      wine,                      be      our      im - mor - tal      food.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

**BLESSING (BCP p. 366)**

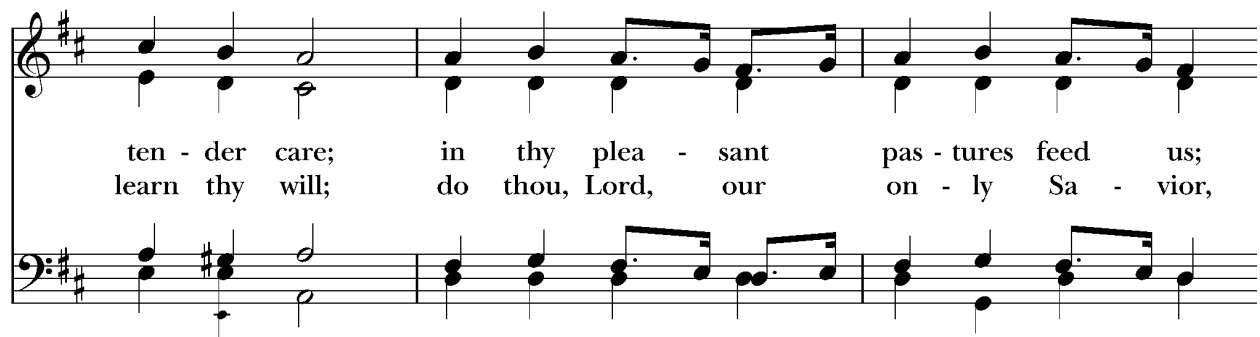
*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in  
 the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the  
 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you,  
 and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Savior, like a shepherd lead us (Sicilian Mariners)* (H 708)



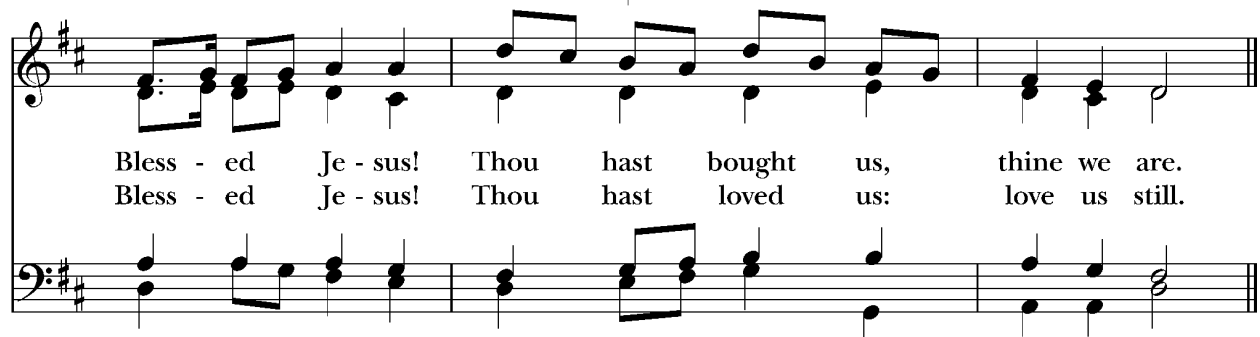
1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us



ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,



for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!



Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

## DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

*Having heard the pronouncement of God's blessing upon us and all of creation, we are sent forth to be Christ in the world.*

*People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## POSTLUDE

### Trumpet Tune in C Major – Henry Purcell

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