

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Opening Hymn – The King of Love

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

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

### A Song of Creation *(To be read antiphonally by half verse)*

#### *Invocation*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

#### *I. The Cosmic Order*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \* *O heavens and all waters above the heavens.*

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \* *all winds and fire and heat.*

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \* *drops of dew and flakes of snow.*

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \* *O shining light and enfolding dark.*

Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

#### *II. The Earth and Its Creatures*

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \* *O whales and all that move in the waters.*

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \* *and all you flocks and herds.*

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

### ***III. The People of God***

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \* *sing praise and give honor for ever.*

### **Acts 2:42-47**

### **Sequence Hymn**

### **The Gospel according to John 10:1-10**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

## **The Sermon**

### **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### *Officiant & People*

Hear our cry, O God. *And listen to our prayer.* Let us pray.

V. Help us, O God our Savior;      *R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.*  
V. Look upon your congregation;      *R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.*  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;      *R. And your wonders among all peoples.*  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away; *R. Never forget the lives of your poor.*  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you; *R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.*  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;      *R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

### **Closing Prayer—From the Search Committee**

*In support and prayer for the Holy Cross Rector's Search Team, Let us pray for guidance by saying together:*

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Closing Hymn – Psalm 23**