



# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m.  
April 26, 2026

Church of the Epiphany  
Vacaville, CA

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

## Liturgy of the Word

### Proclamation

Hymnal 645, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

*"The King of love my shepherd is..."*

1. The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
And he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And oh, what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house forever.

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The Celebrant and People 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.*

## **Gloria**

*The following is sung, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest  
And peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy upon us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
Receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the most high Jesus Christ  
With the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen

## **Collect 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.*

## First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*

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

4 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.

5 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.

6 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.

## **Epistle**

**1 Peter 2:19-25**

A reading from the First Book of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sequence Hymn**

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord!”*

*Refrain:*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

1. "I am your shepherd," says the Lord,  
"I know my sheep and my sheep know me." (*Refrain*)

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## Holy Gospel

**John 10:1-10**

*All stand.*

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

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

Jesus said, "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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. John Heidel, Rector**

## Nicene Creed

*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.

### **Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant:* Risen Lord, stay with your people in this holy place as we pray saying, *Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord*

*Reader:* For our President, for all the members of Congress, for our Governor and all those in power, that they might be guided by the spirit of your sacrifice to serve your people without thought of gain and without discrimination, let us pray:

*People:* **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

*Reader:* For the Christians and all those in the Holy Land, that they may remain safe and their faith remain strong. We pray that the sites where Jesus was born, lived, and died may be at peace and accessible to all people.

*People:* **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

*Reader:* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and ability to conserve it and for the willingness to share the abundance of her harvest among all your people so that no one will hunger, let us pray:

*People:* **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

*Reader:* For the farmers and for those who feed the hungry, for the firefighters and the peace officers, for the military and the peacekeepers. For those on our prayer list [*Insert prayer list here*]

Let us pray:

*People:* **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

*Reader:* For the poor, the unemployed, for prisoners and refugees and those who suffer any kind of oppression, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray. For those who are elderly and alone, for those

who are affected by illness or despair and for those who have lost contact with you, let us pray:

*People:* **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

*Reader:* For the children to be, that they may be well as they wait to be born. For the newborns and newly baptized that they may flourish under the care of parents who love them as you have loved us and for the children, the tweens and the teens, that your Spirit will guide them in lives of active faith, let us pray:

*People:* **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

*Reader:* For those who have recently departed this life, that they may be safe in your arms. For those who lost loved ones, that their loss and pain will be lessened as they remember the promise of your Resurrection, let us pray:

*People:* **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All remain standing.*

## **The Peace**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings:** *Zachary Weirich 4/30, Sonia Cornejo (5/1)*

## Holy Communion

*Offertory Sentence:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### Offertory Hymn

*"... I have decided to follow Jesus..."*

1. I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.
2. Though none go with me, still I will follow...
3. The cross before me, the world behind me...

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*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Celebrant or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

### Doxology

Hymnal 380 v.3

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.

### Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

*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.**

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**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### **Memorial Acclamation**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed  
for us;

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

### **Fraction Anthem**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
Therefore, let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*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.

*At Church of the Epiphany, we welcome everyone equally as children of God  
created in the image of God. Whether you are visiting from out of town,  
"shopping for a church," seeking God, or hoping to learn more about Jesus  
Christ, we welcome you to our worship services. Whatever your religious*

*background, age race, gender, sexual orientation, or economic status, we welcome you. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, please join us at the altar for Communion.*

### **Communion Hymn 1**

**Hymnal 304**

*"I come with joy to meet my Lord!..."*

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
Forgiven, loved and free,  
In awe and wonder to recall  
His life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near  
To find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love  
In Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
Each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one,  
And strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence always near,  
Is in such friendship better known;  
We see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound,  
We'll go our different ways,  
And as his people in the world,  
We'll live and speak his praise.

## Communion Hymn 2

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet..."*

*Chorus:*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid  
And think I've lost my way,  
Still you're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end. (*Chorus*)

2. I will not forget  
Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide  
And hold me to your side;  
I will love you to the end. (*Chorus*)

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*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**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

### **Recessional Hymn**

**Hymnal 780**

*"Savior, like a shepherd lead us..."*

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need thy tender care;  
In they pleasant pastures feed us;  
For our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!  
Thou has bought us, thine we are.

2. Early let us seek thy favor,  
Early let us learn thy will;  
Do thou, Lord, our only Savior,

With thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us: love us still.

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit. Alleulia, Alleluia!

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

*Melodies for the Gloria, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Fraction Anthem are from the Mass for the People of Epiphany, (c)2025 Rev. Dr. David Deerfeeder CSSF, DeerfeederSongs*

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS and THE SANCTUARY LAMP** are given to the Glory of God and in memory Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Penalulna.

**TODAY'S SERVERS:** Altar Guild: Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones; Lector: Kate Hitchcock and Prayers: Emma Green; LEM/Acolyte: Kathleen Moran; Usher: Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones

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### **To make a donation ...**

Envelopes are available in the narthex and at the end of the pews to make donations to the Church of the Epiphany. Offerings may also be left in the plate by the baptismal font at the church entrance. To give online, text LIGHT to 73256 or scan the QR code. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us extend God's love to our community.



## *Today at Epiphany*

**Coffee Hour:** After the service in the Parish Hall, provided this week by The Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Please join us!

## *Upcoming Events*

**Daily Morning Prayer:** 8 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays on Facebook Live or Epiphany Vacaville's YouTube channel.

**Nightly Compline Service:** 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday on the Epiphany Facebook page.

**Tuesday Feeding Program:** Free lunch served every Tuesday from 1-2 p.m.

**Friday Feeding Program:** Free dinner served every Friday from 4:30-6 p.m.

**Music Rehearsal:** 5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Come make a joyful noise!

**Vestry Meeting,** 10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 10, in the Sunday School room and by Zoom

**Breezeway Barbecue & Country Concert:** 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Epiphany. Benefit for our Music Program. See Emma Green or David Deerfeeder for tickets, \$20.





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