



Episcopal Church of the Cross  
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
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*The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Cross is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are the ECC: Loving God and our Neighbors.*

### Welcome to Church of the Cross!

If you're new and would like to learn more about Church of the Cross, please scan the code below and we'll be in touch later this week. Thank you!



Welcome

Opening Song

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above  
Offering up on every shore thy pure sacrifice of love,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to the world so freely given,  
Faith and hope and love divine, peace on earth and joy in heaven  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*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.*

*saying together*

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 on 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.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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 people sit.*

### **The Children's Message and Prayer**

*One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

#### **A Reading of Psalm 23**

*Psalm Leader*   The Lord is my shepherd;

*People*           I shall not want.

*Psalm Leader*   He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

*People*           he leadeth me beside the still waters.

*Psalm Leader*   He restoreth my soul;

*People*           he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

*Psalm Leader*   Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

*People*           for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

*Psalm Leader*   Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

*People*           thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

*Psalm Leader*   Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

*People*           and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Amen.

**Song**

**Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love,  
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life  
for all eternity.

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Message**

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Prayer Leader* Lord, we are your people, gathered in prayer; and we love you. We pray for your holy and Universal Church;

*People* That we all may be one.

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

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

*Prayer Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

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

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

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

*Prayer Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake,

*People* That our works may find favor in your sight;

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

*People* That they may be delivered from their distress.

*Prayer Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

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

*Prayer Leader* And now we place before you our own needs and concerns...

*An open space to offer our own petitions and thanksgivings.*

Hear us, Lord;

*People* For your mercy is great.

*Prayer Leader* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or 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**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

### **Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offering**

*Offerings in support of the mission and ministry of Church of the Cross may be placed in the offering basket as it comes by you. Offering may also be made electronically by texting ECCLAKETRAVIS with your amount to 73256.*

**Song**

**Brother James Air**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of blessedness,  
Ee'n for His own Name's sake.  
Within the paths of blessedness,  
Ee'n for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me; and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.  
Thy rod and staff they comfort still  
They comfort still

My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head with oil thou dost anoint,  
And my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days  
Will surely follow me;  
And in my Father's heart always  
My dwelling place shall be.  
And in my heart forevermore,  
thy dwelling place shall be.

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 God thanks and praise.

*Then 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:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God 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.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*



*Then 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:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*And may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Please come forward to receive communion. The blue chalice contains regular wine. The white chalice contains non-alcoholic wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

**Songs**

### **The King of Love**

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 ill 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 oh, 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.

### **Lamb of God**

Your only Son, no sin to hide  
But you have sent Him, from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of Love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned him as he died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious Blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died  
But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod  
And to be called the lamb of God

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious Blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

*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.

### **The Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

**Song:**

**How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
To you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consumer, and thy gold to refine.

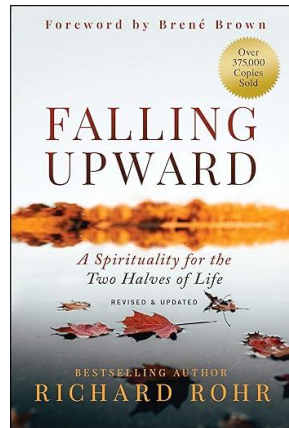
“The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no never forsake.”

*Celebrant*    Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*People*        Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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The "Eastertide Book Club" Presents:

*Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, by Richard Rohr and Brene Brown



Wednesday evenings 6:45-8pm, on Wednesdays, May 14th, 21st, 28th, and June 4th

As we move through life, especially into life's second half, our spirituality may change. Rohr's soulful wisdom and insight into this natural process will be the focus of our Wednesday night education series this Easter season. We have a seat for you on Wednesday nights if you're ready to explore the "second journey" of life that can evolve in life's second half. No pre-reading of the book required before the first session. Just come! We'll end our discussions with the service of Compline. You may purchase your hard or digital copy of the book at the bookseller of your choice.

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