

Year Two  
The Fourth  
Sunday of  
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**Edwards Order of Worship  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

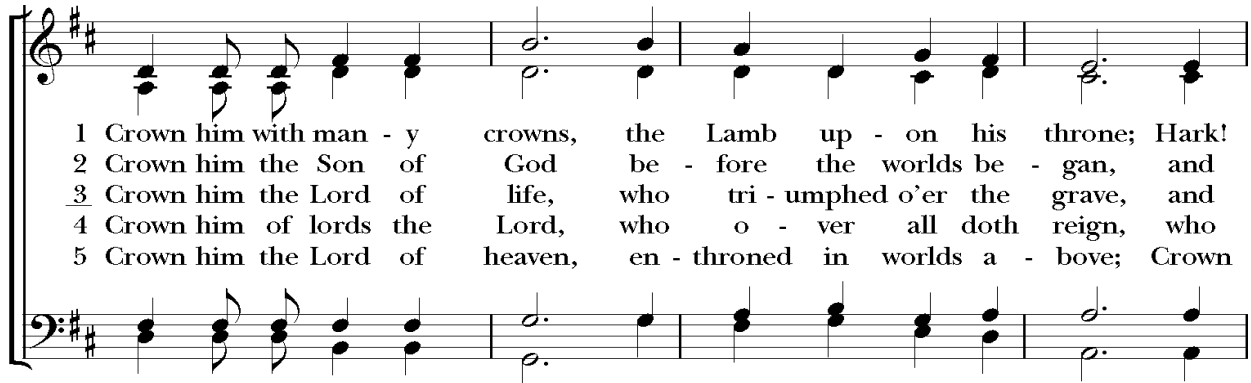


Sheepgate in Porphfield, Trim, Co. Meath, Ireland

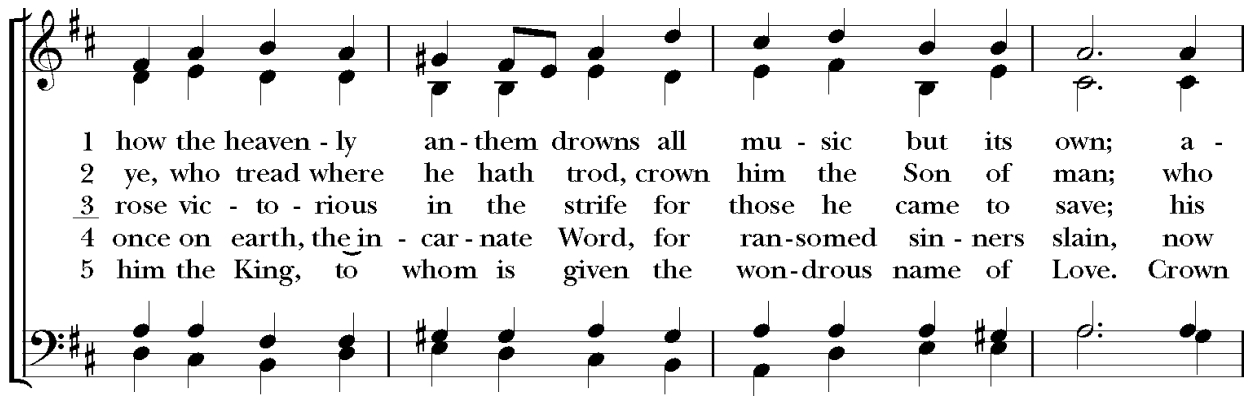
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Crown him with many crowns

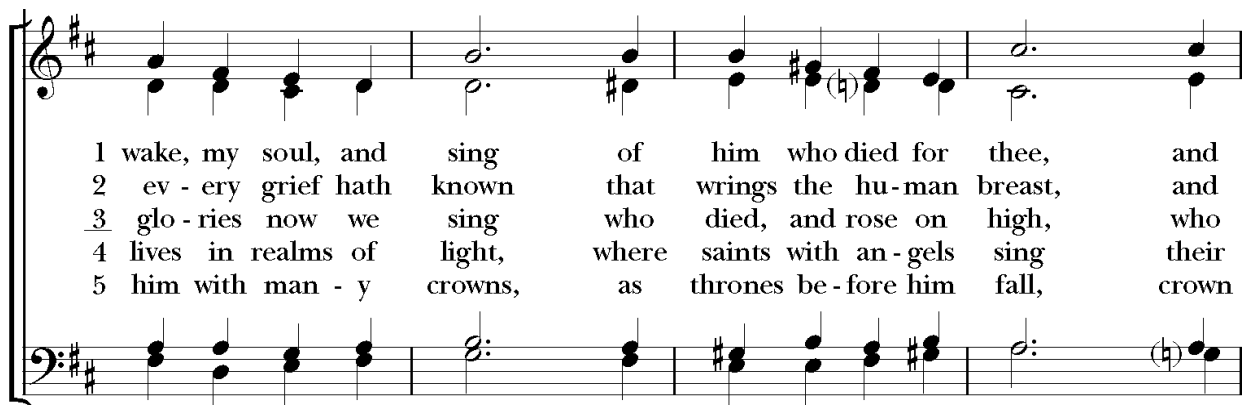
Hymn 494



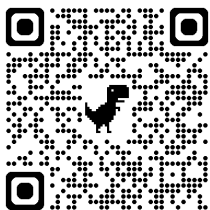
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown



1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown



1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown



Ways to Give

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

## Children's Message

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The Celebrant says*

## Collect of the Day

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*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

They 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**

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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.***

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

For 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.***

*All stand.*

All people that on earth do dwell

Hymn 377

*Unison or harmony*

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his  
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for  
\*5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us  
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -  
4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly  
5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.  
2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.  
5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

## Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

*Deacon*            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."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

*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**

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.*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. ***Amen.***

## Peace

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

## Holy Communion

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*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.***

*The Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us.***

***By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord [Sanctus]*

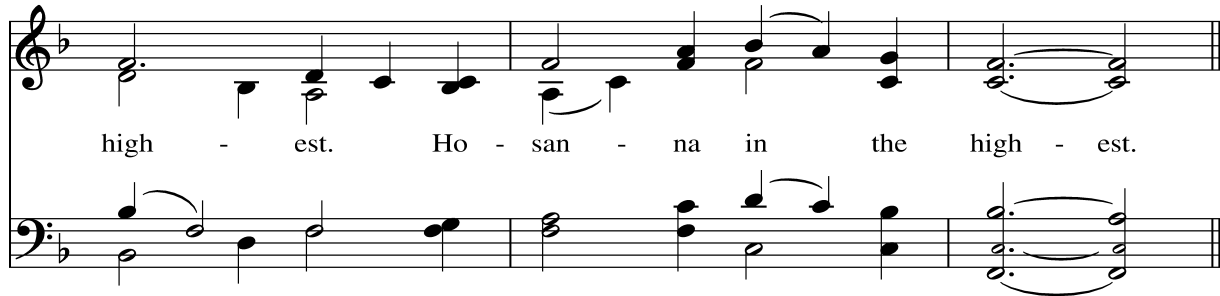
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

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

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

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*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

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

*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.

*All baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive both the bread and the wine of the Eucharist. Those who are not baptized or who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward and cross their arms to receive a blessing. Those desiring a gluten-free wafer may request one from the priest when they come forward to receive communion.*

Let us pray.

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*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**

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Hymn 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**

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## **Prayer Square**

***Please pray for those who are in need of our prayers:***

Jackie Allen, Pastor Scott Beebe, Jordi Blakslee, Emmitt Burnett, Rob Driver, Peggy Edwards, Bob & Linda Egan, Wendy Erb, Elizabeth Erb, Roger Fonda, Linda Galvin, Wright George, Rev. Randy Hillman, Wes Horner, The Jones Family, Diane Peterson, Howard & the Prossnitz family, Stephen Vastagh, Katharine Weaver, Wayne Wright and the Wright family, Georgie Zinda

***Please pray for the faithful departed:***

John Mink