

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Celebration of Mass

April 26, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Entrance: Rain Down

*Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love, God of life.*

Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
Full of God's love is the earth.

*Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love, God of life.*

Penitential Act: *Confiteor*

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie, eléison
Christe eléison
Kyrie eléison

Glory to God (Mass of St. Ann)

Glory! Glory to God in the highest! Glory! Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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.

Glory! Glory to God in the highest! Glory! Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Readings from USCCB

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Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only
Begotten Son of God, born of the Father
before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him
all things were made. For us men and for
our salvation he came down from heaven,

(Bow your heads)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Presentation of the Gifts: Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word,
You were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath,
You breathed Your life in me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

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*O, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God.*

*O, it chases me down,
fights 'til I'm found,
leaves the ninety-nine.*

*I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
still You give Yourself away.*

*O, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God.*

When I was Your foe,
still Your love fought for me.
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

*O, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God.*

*O, it chases me down,
fights 'til I'm found,
leaves the ninety-nine.*

*I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
still You give Yourself away.*

*O, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God.*

There's no shadow You won't light up,
mountain You won't climb up,
coming after me.

There's no wall You won't kick down,
lie You won't tear down,
coming after me.

*O, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God.*

*O, it chases me down,
fights 'til I'm found,
leaves the ninety-nine.*

*I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
still You give Yourself away.*

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Presentation of the Holy Gifts: Your Only Son

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.

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, 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.

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O 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 become the Lamb of God.

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Holy, Holy, Holy (Mass of St. Ann)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven
and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.

Pre-Communion Prayer: Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

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Communion I: Pastures of the Lord

Lord, now your servant may go in peace;
your salvation mine eyes have seen.

I will walk near running streams
in the pastures of the Lord.

The day is gone, the work is done;
many battles I've lost and won.
I shall rest and find welcome
in the pastures of the Lord.

Lay me down in verdant fields,
in green valleys, and golden hills,
there to find your face revealed
in the pastures of the Lord.

Lord, let this trav'ler find sweet repose.
From pain and sorrow your mercy leads
to living waters, where angels sing
in the pastures of the Lord.

Lord, now your servant may go in peace;
your salvation mine eyes have seen.

Only goodness shall follow me
in the pastures of the Lord,
in the pastures of the Lord.

Communion II: We Adore You

The grace in which we stand:
bought at highest price.
A people sin had banned:
paid for with your life.

*Reconciled in love, justified by blood:
the love of God poured out.*

*For you have conquered sin,
and death can never live in
hearts that sing your glory.*

Jesus, we adore you.

*What love has now begun
can never be undone.*

We will sing your glory;

Jesus, we adore you.

Death will be no more:
buried in the grave.
He opened heaven's door:
the stone was rolled away.

*Reconciled in love, justified by blood:
the love of God poured out.*

*For you have conquered sin,
and death can never live in
hearts that sing your glory.*

Jesus, we adore you.

*What love has now begun
can never be undone.*

We will sing your glory;

Jesus, we adore you.

Holy, holy, holy is your name...

*For you have conquered sin,
and death can never live in
hearts that sing your glory.*

Jesus, we adore you.

*What love has now begun
can never be undone.*

We will sing your glory;

Jesus, we adore you.

Communion III: Beautiful is Your Love

Oh how beautiful is your love for me.

Oh what joy is mine in this mystery.

I will not fear the dark,
here in the presence of your heart.

Oh how beautiful is your love.

Jesus, Jesus!
Oh how beautiful is your love!
Jesus, Jesus!
Oh how beautiful is your love.

Oh how wonderful is your offering:
Lamb laid down for me
on compassion's tree.
How could I turn away
from the mercy of your face?
Oh how wonderful is your love.

Jesus, Jesus!
Oh how beautiful is your love!
Jesus, Jesus!
Oh how beautiful is your love.

So miraculous is your sacrifice:

Body broken here

that I might have life.

Take everything I own;

let me be yours alone.

So miraculous is your love.

Jesus, Jesus!
Oh how beautiful is your love!
Jesus, Jesus!
Oh how beautiful is your love.

Meditation: Because the Lord is My Shepherd

Because the Lord is my shepherd,
I have ev'rything I need.
He let's me rest in the meadow and
leads me to the quiet streams.
He restores my soul and he leads me
In the paths that are right:

*Lord, you are my shepherd,
You are my friend.
I want to follow you always,
just to follow my friend.*

And when the road leads to darkness,
I shall walk there unafraid.
Even when death is close I have courage,
For your help is there.
You are close beside me with comfort,
You are guiding my way:

*Lord, you are my shepherd,
You are my friend.
I want to follow you always,
just to follow my friend.*

In love you make me a banquet
For my enemies to see.
You make me welcome, pouring down
honor from your mighty hand,
And this joy fills me with gladness;
It is too much to bear:

*Lord, you are my shepherd,
You are my friend.
I want to follow you always,
just to follow my friend.*

Your goodness always is with me
and your mercy I know.

Your loving kindness strengthens me
always as I go through life.

I shall dwell in your presence forever,
giving praise to your name:

*Lord, you are my shepherd,
You are my friend.
I want to follow you always,
just to follow my friend.*

Concluding Rite

Recessional: Sweet Redeemer

King of Kings, blessed Jesus,
hand of mercy, giver of grace;
I have come to sing glory,
to lay my heart before you in this place.

*Sweet Redeemer, I surrender
all I am to you.*

*Sweet Redeemer, I surrender
all I am to you.*

I was lost and you found me;
in the darkness you were my light.
When I fell down, you forgave me,
lifted me up
and held me to your side.

*Sweet Redeemer, I surrender
all I am to you.*

*Sweet Redeemer, I surrender
all I am to you.*

From the shadows of the tomb
you called me,
you rolled away the stone.
From the burden of my sin
you saved me,
you made my heart your home.

*Sweet Redeemer, I surrender
all I am to you.*

*Sweet Redeemer, I surrender
all I am to you.*

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