

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday April 21, 2024
10:00AM

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The Holy Eucharist

Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude

Announcements

The Gathering Hymn *I come with joy to meet my Lord* Hymn 304

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

The Collect for Purity

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.*

The Gloria

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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 Collect of the Day

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 First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Response: Psalm 23

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.**

**Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

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

***People:* Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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**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

Intercessor Let us pray for the needs of all God's children in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd, saying: ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Liz our Priest, that we may give bold witness to Jesus the source of life and salvation. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we who are known by Christ may gladly welcome into this flock all who will listen to the Lord's voice. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are searching, that they may encounter life and wholeness and so find the shepherd who searches and cares for them. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and all places where war and violence threaten lives, that God will shepherd and shield all those in danger. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of nations, that God will give them hearts like the Good Shepherd, compassion toward those who suffer, and wisdom to seek dialogue and peace. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially..... that they may be strengthened by the goodness and mercy of the Good Shepherd. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially..... that they may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Mark the Evangelist and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.***

Celebrant God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, hear our prayers, give us the cup of salvation to drink and keep us always in the fold of your divine love, that goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. ***Amen.***

The Peace

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

HOLY COMMUNION

The Officiant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page [376](#), or with some other sentence of Scripture.

The Offertory: *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless* Hymn 343

The Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* Hymn 380, v3

**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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

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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 Lord's Prayer

***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 Fraction Anthem

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**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.**

The Communion

All Baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.

The Post Communion Prayer

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Let us pray.

**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 Blessing

The Parting Hymn *Christ is made the sure foundation* Hymn 518

The Dismissal

The Postlude

Our Ministers Today:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Organist: Penny Jaggars

Altar Guild: Nancy Dooling & Barb Undercoffler

Announcements: John Warriner

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Hospitality: Martha Cobb

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John Warriner, Senior Warden

Vickie Calby, Junior Warden

John Finlon, Treasurer

Wanda Peirce, Clerk

Dan Graham

Vera Dunn

Jack Lasher

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Hymnal 1982: 184 Christ the lord has risen again, 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord, 645 The King of love my shepherd is, 581 Where charity and love prevail, 343 Shepherd of souls refresh and bless, 518 Christ is made the sure foundation, 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us.

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