



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**APRIL 21, 2024
11:00 AM**

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. You bless us with your presence. We hope you will join us again. We invite all of our visitors to fill out a visitor card located in the pew and place it in the narthex.

The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church is to be a community of God's people who heal brokenness, build bridges, and exemplify borderless kindness.

This service is broadcast online and recorded on YouTube.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

Prelude

Hymn 377: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Opening Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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 in Excelsis S 280 –Powell

The 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.*

The Lessons

The First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts:

The next day the leaders, elders, and legal experts gathered in Jerusalem, along with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others from the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and asked, "By what power or in what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, answered, "Leaders of the people and elders, are we being examined today because something good was done for a sick person, a good deed that healed him? If so, then you and all the people of Israel need to know that this man stands healthy before you because of the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone you builders rejected; he has become the cornerstone! Salvation can be found in no one else. Throughout the whole world, no other name has been given among humans through which we must be saved."

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Chanted by the choir and the congregation

The Lord's my shepherd, all my need
Through him will be supplied;
By quiet streams and through green fields
The Lord will be my guide.

The Lord revives me, guides my feet
On pathways that are right,
And I shall fear no evil though
I walk through darkest night.

Your rod and staff, they comfort me;
In presence of my foes
You feed me, you anoint my head
And my cup overflows.

Your goodness and your mercy, Lord,
Shall surely follow me,
And I will dwell in God's own house
For all eternity.

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1st John:

This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. But if someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help—how can the love of God dwell in a person like that?

Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth. This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 343: "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That’s because he isn’t the shepherd; the sheep aren’t really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He’s only a hired hand and the sheep don’t matter to him.

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

“This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon - The Reverend Victoria Mason

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

Let us give thanks for the victory that Jesus Christ has won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he triumphed. We offer our prayers in the joy of Christ's resurrection, saying: *Alleluia, Christ is risen.*

Risen Lord, we offer prayers for all members of your holy Church, as we seek to fulfill your mission of hope and reconciliation. May we truly serve you in our vocations and ministry in the world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

We pray for your guidance to all nations in the way of justice, peace, and truth. Inspire those who hold authority to be mindful of those who live with violence, oppression, war, and generational trauma. May their leadership lead to reconciliation and everlasting peace.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

We pray for compassion for those who suffer from sickness, grief, or turmoil. May they find strength in your presence and your healing power and be restored to health and joy through your gracious light.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

We pray for your compassion and grace to strengthen this community in Christ's self-giving love; give us the grace to live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The clergy offers special intercessions for those listed on the prayer list. A brief period of silence is provided for the congregation to offer their own petitions.

The following prayers may be said at this time:

Prayer for Growing the Congregation

Lord God, help us to be a welcoming place for visitors and prospective members. Help us to grow and serve your people here and in our broader community. Grant us grace to be the church you mean for us to be. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen**

For Strength and Confidence (BCP page 459)

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For an Anniversary

Most gracious God, we praise you for the tender mercy and unfailing care revealed to us in Jesus Christ and for the great joy and comfort bestowed upon us in the gift of human love. We give you thanks for N. and N. and the covenant of faithfulness they have made. Pour out the abundance of your Holy Spirit upon them. Keep them in your steadfast love; protect them from all danger, fill them with your wisdom and peace; lead them in holy service to each other and the world. **Amen**

For a Birthday (Prayer 50, BCP page 830)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people, 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 forever. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Celebrant

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

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

Announcements

Offertory

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At the Offertory, Anthem: "The King of Love" -Traditional Irish Melody

Hymn 380, Verse 3: "The Doxology"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

**** Words of consecration . . .*

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:

S 125: "Sanctus" *-Proulx*

The people stand or kneel

**** Words of consecration . . .*

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Then the Celebrant continues

**** Words of consecration . . .*

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.

S 146 “Great Amen” -*Robinson*

The Lord’s Prayer

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

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

Fraction Hymn 204, Verse 1 and 3: “Now the green blade riseth”

Celebrant 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.

During Communion Hymn 664: “My Shepherd will Supply my Need”

Post-Communion Prayer (BCP 365)

Celebrant 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.*

Blessing

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Final Hymn 708: “ Savior , Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*After the service, you are invited to enjoy
coffee and fellowship in the Narthex and Zoom*

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite I

11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II (in person and Zoom)

1:00 PM

Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos

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