

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter B  
Morning Prayer Rite II ✦ April 21, 2024

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Opening Hymn: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*    Hymn 518

BCP #77

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

BCP #79

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in  
eternal life. Amen.

BCP #80

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant & People: **Glory to the Father, and to the  
Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. *Alleluia.***

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore  
him. Alleluia

BCP #82

Venite (sung) *Psalm 95:1-7*

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of  
his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*BCP #84*

## **The Psalm**

Psalm 23

Insert

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

## **The Lessons**

A Reading from: Acts 4:5-12

Insert

The word of the Lord.

Answer: Thanks be to God.



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds\_ known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - jice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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A Reading from: 1 John 3:16-24

Insert

The word of the Lord.

Answer: Thanks be to God

Canticle: *Glorify thy Name*

Praise 27

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of six systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line with chord symbols above the notes.

**System 1:** Chords: C, Cmaj7/E, Dm7, C/D. Lyrics: 1. Fa - ther, we love You, we; 2. Je - sus, we love You, we; 3. Spir - it, we love You, we.

**System 2:** Chords: G7sus, F/G, G, C2, C. Lyrics: wor - ship and a - dore You,; wor - ship and a - dore You,; wor - ship and a - dore You,

**System 3:** Chords: C2/E, Em, C/E, F, Dsus, Dm, Gsus, G, F/G, G. Lyrics: Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

**System 4:** Chords: C2, C, Cmaj7/E, F2, F. Lyrics: Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

**System 5:** Chords: E7sus, D/E, E7/G#, Am, Am/G, F2, G/F, F. Lyrics: Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy

**System 6:** Chords: G7sus, G7, F/C, C. Lyrics: name in all the earth.

A Reading from: **John 10:11-18**

Insert

The word of the Lord.

**Answer: Thanks be to God**

Sermon:

Neil Hargrave

BCP #96

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

BCP #97

## The Prayers

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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.

**Suffrage A**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### **Suffrage B**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

### **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.*

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **A Collect for Grace**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by

your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

We pray for those listed on our Anglican and diocesan cycles of Prayer:

We pray for all who are sick and especially those on our prayer lists...

We pray for those who are unable to be in church...

We pray for those serving in the military...

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The people may add their own petitions.*

We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BCP#360

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*    **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

*Prayers are found in the back of the Book of Common Prayer*

BCP #376

### **The Offertory**

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless* Hymn 343

Doxology

**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. Amen.

V. All things come of thee, O Lord.

R. And of thine own have we given thee. (1 Chr. 29:14)

*BCP #101*

## The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you  
for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of  
this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in  
the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your  
mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show  
forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our  
lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by  
walking before you in holiness and righteousness all  
our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,  
with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory  
throughout all ages. Amen.

*BCP #101*

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with  
one accord to make our common supplication to you;  
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son

that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14

Closing Hymn: *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Hymn 708

**Final Blessing:** Congregation Sung

God be with you till we meet again,  
By His Counsels guide, uphold you  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you, till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,  
'Neath His Wings protecting hide you.  
Daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Amen**

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*The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B*

**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."

## **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.

## **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.

### **John 10:11-18**

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.”

