



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M.
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, *Rector*
THE REVEREND BETH BINGHAM, *Associate Rector*

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, *Associate Rector*
KEVIN CRILEY, EMILY MEEKS, ABBY MERK, *Seminarians*
Childcare is available in the nursery

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand and sing

HYMN 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA S278

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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 People are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

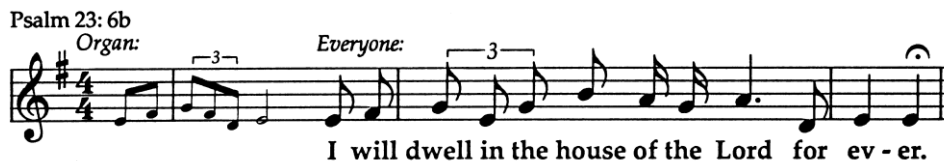
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, 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.**

All children ages three through third grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Parents are encouraged to accompany very young children as they learn the rhythms of this service designed especially for children.

The children will return before communion.



Choir: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **ANTIPHON**

Choir: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. 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. **ANTIPHON**

Choir: 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. 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. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

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 to sing

HYMN 184

Christ the Lord is risen again!

Christ ist erstanden

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People may be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nathan Empsall

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

All stand and say

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

The Intercessor concludes each petition “Let us pray to the Lord,”
People **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

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

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THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk
Through the valley
Of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil,

For You are with me
You will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life
And I will dwell in the House of the Lord
Forever.

Words: Psalm 23
Music: Howard Goodall (b. 1959)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever... Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS FROM FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Craig Phillips

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, —

11
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est. —

20
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est. —

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues on page 373 of The Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant: We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love... Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People:

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S-155

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine. If you require a gluten free wafer, please inform the minister.

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste (of the Heavenly banquet)
in the trial of death.
O sweet, O holy, O Jesus, Son of Mary.

Words: Pope Innocent VI
Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

HYMN AT COMMUNION

664

My Shepherd will supply my need

Resignation

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 CLOSING HYMN 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Sicilian Mariners

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Bill Usher

In memory of Odell and Louise Matthew

In memory of William and Elizabeth Usher

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF

Jaquelin Blair Moncure Martin, daughter of Guy Martin & Rachel Moncure Martin

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Braxton Moncure, Madison Warner

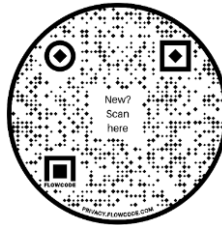
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS

Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Gail & Ridge Multop,
Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Carol Lafley, Linda Hoekstra, Kathie Nelson, Doug Mitchell, Anne Finley,
Sage Hoare, Alan Adenan, Danielle Beauchamp, Kelley Dillon, Mary Ellen Freesland, Marynelle Losin,
Jane Brewster

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For inclusion on the prayer list, please submit names to PastoralCare@calex.org or 703.778.4936.

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