

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY
21 April 2024 Year B
10:30 AM

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Prelude Cantilena Florence Price (1887–1953)

***Processional Hymn** Jesus, our mighty Lord (*Monk's Gate*) **Hymnal #478**

***Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

***Collect For Purity**

***Gloria** **Hymnal #S-279**

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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

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.

The Epistle Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Sequence** Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! (*Gelobt sei Gott*)

Hymnal #205 vv. 1–3

***The Gospel Reading**

John 10:11–18

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

***Sequence** Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! (*Gelobt sei Gott*)

Hymnal #205 vv. 4–5

The Sermon

The Rev. Kit Tobin

*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

The Good Shepherd gave his life so that we could live with him forever. In this joy we offer our prayers, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

+ That we may contemplate upon the great mysteries of faith; Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again; and move more deeply into God's profound desire for eternal fellowship with all humanity; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ That our actions toward our neighbors, whether poor or rich, or undeserving, may reflect God's commandment of love; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ In thanksgiving for lay leaders in our churches who give sacrificially of time and talent so that the Church may be a true fellowship of believers; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and DeDe, Bishop of this diocese, that their exercise of apostolic leadership may reflect the leadership of the Shepherd; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For those who are ill, that they may find relief from their suffering, and for those whose medical and social skills assist in the work of healing, that they may have patience and wisdom; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ For those who have departed this life in the faith and fear of the Lord, that they may join the company of the saints in light; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ In thanksgiving for those who till the soil, harvest the crops, tend farm animals, and join the long chain of workers by whose hands we are fed; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Let us continue our prayers to the Good Shepherd, the Risen One, by whose resurrection we have been gathered into the sheepfold of faith.

We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all the leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others; hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

God of peace and justice, hear our prayers. Amen

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for

Joan	Jim	Sarah	Amelia	Christina
Charles	Gerald	Avery	Michael	Chavon
Wes	Cece	Nathan	Susan	Russell
Virginia	Theodore	Jane	Jeff	
Shirley	Lorraine	Chris	Mary Beth	
Richard	Edith	Carole	Jack	
Linda	Kathryn	Sandy	Julianne	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Ezra Baptist, Virginia Mansfield-Richardson, Amber Massa

Confession Of Sin

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.*

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**

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

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

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

Anthem Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–85)

***Presentation Hymn** At the Lamb's high feast we sing (*Salzburg*)

Hymnal #174

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Expanded Language 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: *continuing:* 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:

Holy, holy, holy (*Sanctus*)

Hymnal #S-130

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, Sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Fraction Anthem Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal #S-164

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord’s Table.

Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.

You may either intinct your wafer or you may drink from the common chalice after consuming the wafer.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music

I come with joy to meet my Lord (*Land of Rest*)

This is the hour of banquet and of song (*Canticum reflectionis*)

Hymnal #304

Hymnal #316

Post Communion Prayer

*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

***Recessional** A mighty fortress is our God (*Ein feste Burg*)

Hymnal #688

Dismissal

Postlude Prelude in C Major, BWV 553

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Crucifer: Sonja Sandstrom

Liturgical Ministers: Kang Meng, Gwen Freeman, Amber Massa

Virtual Vergers Sara VanLooy, Michael Roman, John Jackson

St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!

May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.

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Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church office.

Please Join Us:

Coffee Hour will be held in the Parish Hall following the service. Masks are optional when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Forward Day by Day for **May, June, and July** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

Candles and Flowers: If you wish to give Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the church office (607-273-6532).