



## St. James's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

April 30, 2023

11:15 a.m.

### Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.*

*After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.*

**Prelude:** In green pastures

Harold Darke

**Hymn 182:** *Truro*, "Christ is alive"

### The Word of God

**Opening Acclamation**

*The Book of Common Prayer* 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### 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.*

### Gloria S280

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.

## Collect of the Day

BCP 225

*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.*

## New Testament: 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.

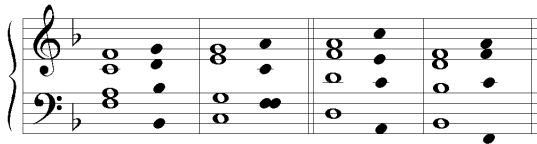
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

BCP 476

*The Congregation remains seated while singing the Psalm.*



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**.

He restoreth my **soul**;

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his **Name's sake**.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no **evil**;

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they **comfort me**.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine **enemies**;  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth **over**.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my **life**,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for **ever**.

**Epistle:** 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.

**Hymn 708:** *Sicilian Mariners*, "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10

*Priest* 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."

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

**Sermon:** The Reverend Amelia Arthur

## **Nicene Creed**

*BCP 358*

*The people stand as able and join in saying 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**

*Throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter, the People remain standing as able.*

*Leader*

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy, we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. Give us hope, for Christ is risen:

*Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that you will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be your sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for Christ is risen: *Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.*

We pray for all in our congregation who are grieving and in need of care, as well as those who provide care to the grieving and those in need, especially our Stephen Ministers.

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

*Leader and People*

Linda Barnett, Steve Barnett, Ajay and Joy Brewer, Page Nance Brock, Stacy Burrs, Butch Butler, John Cook, Vicki Driscoll, Paula Cramer Edmunds, Tom Evelyn, Mary Fox, Jessica Friend, Jennifer Griffith, Helen Hill, Thomas Lucente, Anne Malone, Don Marsden, the Martin family, Bunky Miller, John Murphy, Carol Piersol, Ethel Powell, Courtenay Reynolds, Mickie Rumsey, Sondra Salmon, Joyce Sandberg, Larry Sandberg, Phil Sherrod, Bobbie Smith, Bradford Smith, Josh Spain, the Stone family, Emily Tafel, Meriel Thornley, Langdon Tollett, Anne Turnbull, Bobbie Ukrop, Carol Wendling, Nelson Williams, Susie Witter, Erin Wright, Zara Zareva, I-janée, Josh, Kevin, Leigh, and Sethan.

*The Leader continues.*

*Celebrant*

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

## Peace

BCP 360

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

## Greeting and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.*

## Offering of Gifts and Praise

*To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back of the bulletin.*

Anthem: Dear Lord and Father of mankind                  Charles H. H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100th*, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

## Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*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.

*Celebrant*

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus S129**

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.

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed James, our patron and all the saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. *AMEN.*

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

*Celebrant 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.

**Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem S155**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Music at Communion**

Anthem: Canticum de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

Word, equal to the Most High, our sole hope,  
Eternal day of the earth and the heavens,  
we break the silence of the peaceful night,  
Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us!

Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace  
so that all hell flees at the sound of your voice.



Dispel the sleep of a languishing soul  
who lives forgetful of your laws.

O Christ, look kindly on your faithful people  
assembled now to glorify you.

## **Special Celebrations and Prayers**

*People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week and any with special prayer requests may come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*BCP 365*

*Please kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant and People*

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.

### **Easter Blessing**

*Celebrant*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**Hymn 180:** *Unser Herrscher*, “He is risen”

### **Dismissal**

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

**Postlude:** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Healey Willan

## **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Amelia Arthur

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Dr. Doug Wigner

*Assisting Priest:* The Reverend Blake Singer

*Lectors:* Brink Brinkley, Lisa Niemeier

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers:* Christy Lantz, Michael Lantz

*Altar Guild:* Trish Bishop, Mary Fox, Ann Rumble, Anita Towell, Betsy

Trow; *Leader:* Kitsie Garland; *Co-Chairs:* Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs

*Flower Guild Co-Chairs:* Loretta Miller, Jeanette McKittrick

*Usher Team 8/9:* DeWitt Casler, George Jones, Wally Jones, Bill Nash,

Barbara Hassett, Jimmy Milley, Bobbie Ukrop; *Team Leader:* Chad

Clinger; *Chief Usher:* Brink Brinkley

*Musicians:* Parish Choir

*Assistant Organist:* Charles Lindsey

*Director of Music:* Dr. Mark Whitmire

## **Prayers of the People**

We pray for all in our congregation who are grieving and in need of care, as well as those who provide care to the grieving and those in need, especially our Stephen Ministers.

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

*We pray for renewal and refreshment for John while he is on sabbatical.* May his time away be life giving and restful.

*In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* for the congregations and Clergy of Church of Buck Mountain in Earlysville, Christ Church in Alexandria, and St. Andrew's in Arlington.

*For the newly born:* especially Edward Massie Kane-West (“Ned”), son of Sazshy and Jonah Kane-West and grandson of Margaret and Massie Valentine; Charles Stewart Patton and Rhett Randolph Patton, sons of Lawson and Anne Stewart Patton, brother of Lawson Patton, and grandsons of Liz and Jay Patton; and Virginia Selden Talbott (“Selden”), daughter of Emily and Frank Talbott, who were born recently.

*For the recently married:* especially Liza Carter, daughter of Shannon and Hank Carter, and Paul Timmons, son of Nella and Jeffrey Timmons, who were married here yesterday.

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today:* Leah Martin, Elizabeth Reynolds, and CeCe Way.

## **Stephen Ministry**

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult or challenging season, our Stephen Ministers are here to help. Stephen Ministers have gone through extensive training to offer free, confidential, and distinctively Christian care to those going through difficult seasons ranging from job transitions, to the birth of a child, to an extended illness or the death of a loved one. For more information about Stephen Ministry, or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone you know, please contact Jane Dowrick ([dowhitz52@gmail.com](mailto:dowhitz52@gmail.com)).

*Stephen Leaders:* Jane Dowrick, Patty Duffy, John McCard

*Stephen Ministers:* Carol Ann Fuller, Sam Fuller, John Gibney, Yvonne Gibney, Judy Philpott, and Robin Price

## **Spring Luncheon hosted by The Legacy Giving Committee**

The Legacy Giving Committee is delighted to invite parishioners 70+ (or so) to a special Spring Luncheon in celebration and gratitude for you. The luncheon is Sunday, May 7, at 12:15 p.m. in Valentine Hall (that's right after the 11:15 a.m. service). Please RSVP by tomorrow to: Ben Ellis at [bellis@doers.org](mailto:bellis@doers.org) or by calling (804) 355-1779, ext. 365.

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## Music Notes



*Dear Lord and Father* was composed by the early twentieth-century composer Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918). Parry was among the most important English composers at the beginning of the twentieth century and was an influential teacher at Oxford and at the Royal College of Music. Parry's contributions to *The Hymnal 1982* include *Jerusalem* ("O day of peace that dimly shines"), *Laudate Dominum* ("O praise ye the Lord!"), *Intercessor* ("By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered"), and *Rustington* ("Round the Lord in glory seated").

*Cantique de Jean Racine* is by the French composer Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924). Educated as an organist, Fauré's teachers included Niedermeyer and Saint-Saëns, and he served several churches including La Madeleine in Paris, where he was assistant organist (to Saint-Saëns), and later chief organist. He was professor of composition at the Paris of the Conservatory in 1905, a post he held for 15 years. The text is by the poet and dramatist Jean-Baptiste Racine (1639- 1699), from a collection entitled "Hymns Translated from the Roman Breviary". While "Cantique" could be translated "Song", the English "Canticle" accurately evokes the prayer of supplication that is the essence of the work. St. James's Choir sang *Cantique de Jean Racine* at La Madeleine in 2010.

## Music Calendar

### May 7

*Sunday, 11:15 a.m.*

Awarding of Crosses and Ribbons

Youth Choir

### May 14

*Sunday, 9:00 a.m.*

Cantata and Awarding of Crosses and Ribbons

Children's Choir and Cherub Choir

## Welcome Summer Recital Series

*Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.*

### June 7

Charles Humphries, counter-tenor

Charles Lindsey, piano

### June 14

The Eckhart Ensemble

featuring Gus Highstein, oboe

### June 21

St. James's Choir: A Gloucester Prelude

Music to be sung during the choir's residency at Gloucester Cathedral, August 7-13, 2023