



St. James's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

April 30, 2023

9:00 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.*

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.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

BCP 476

Remaining seated, the People say the Psalm in unison with the lector.

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.

Hymn 708, v. 1: *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.

Children’s Procession (*The children may follow the clergy into the Children’s Chapel at this time if they wish.*)

Hymn 708, v. 2: *Sicilian Mariners*, “Savior, like a shepherd lead us”

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-janéé, 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.*

Fifth Grade Blessing

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: Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep John Rutter

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.

I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above happy in thy perfect love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear,
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

Invitation to Communion

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,

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

As the children return to their parents, the people sing

Antiphon
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Verse
Sing with all the peo-ple of God,
and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion. *repeat Antiphon*

Music at Communion

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Hymn 178: *Alleluia No. 1*, “Alleluia, alleluia”

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.

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Amelia Arthur

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Doug Wigner

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Blake Singer

Lectors: Pam Ware, Shelton Way

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Becky DeCamps, Susan Siegfried

Greeter: Marisa Tribble

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 11: Wyatt Beazley IV, Richard Dickinson, Bart Farinholt, Berkeley Fergusson, David Harbach, Doug Huber, Mike Innes, Brad McGetrick, Scott Redmond, Brent Schneider, Bob Siegfried;
Team Leader: Jim Goggins; *Chief Usher:* Harry Turton
Musicians: West Gallery Choir
Soloists: Sabrina LaFleur, Diane Wright
Assistant Organist: Charles Lindsey
Director of Music: Dr. Mark Whitmire

Prayers of the People

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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).

Stephen Leaders: Jane Dowrick, Patty Duffy, John McCard

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

Today's Fellowship and Learning at 10:15 a.m.

Adult Forum

There's no Adult Forum today, but we have coffee and lemonade outside of the Memorial Garden, weather permitting. Otherwise we will have refreshments in Valentine Hall. Come catch up with other parishioners while enjoying refreshments.

Sunday School (age 3-5th grade)

Ages 3 and 4: Godly Play in the Children's Chapel

Kindergarten & Grade 1: Godly Play, Michaux House Room 202

Grades 2-3: Growing in Faith, Michaux House Room 208

Grades 4-5: Growing in Faith, Michaux House Room 210

Youth Groups – Catacombs

Youth meet in the Catacombs (basement of the Parish House, exterior stairs are near the playground). Come and help finish a few projects leftover from our MLK Lock In.

Sunday, May 7

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 or by calling (804) 355-1779, ext. 365.

Music Notes



Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep is by contemporary British composer John Rutter (b. 1945). Rutter studied music at Clare College, Cambridge, where he wrote his first published compositions. He was Director of Music at Clare College from 1975-1979, when he gave up the post to dedicate more time to composition. He later formed the Cambridge Singers, a professional chamber choir, primarily dedicated to recording. In 1996, the Archbishop of Canterbury conferred a Lambeth Doctorate of Music upon him in recognition of this contribution to church music. The text is by Jane Eliza Leeson (1807-1882), British author and teacher, who wrote numerous hymns, including a great deal of verse for children.

O taste and see is a setting of Psalm 34:8 by the 20th-century English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). It was composed in 1953 for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in Westminster Abbey.

Music Calendar

- May 7** Awarding of Crosses and Ribbons
Sunday, 11:15 a.m. Youth Choir
- May 14** Cantata and Awarding of Crosses and Ribbons
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 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 for Gloucester Cathedral, August 7-13

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