



HOLY EUCHARIST

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024, 9:00AM

Christ Church Episcopal

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James Creutz, Jennifer Lutz, and Elaine Mason, Members

Sharing Christ's love in the world and creating a nurturing place for all.

Prelude

Improvisation on 'Crimond'

Eric Thiman

Processional

All Creatures of Our God and King vv. 1-4, 6, 7

#400 Hymnal 1982

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Bishop then continues

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Gloria

Glory to God: Gloria in Excelsis

#S280, Canticle 20 Hymnal 1982

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.

The Lessons

A Reading from Acts¹

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.

¹ Acts 4:5-12

A reading from The First Epistle of John²

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.

Gradual

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

#645 Hymnal 1982

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John³

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.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Alan Gates

² 1 John 3:16-24

³ John 10:11-18

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate(s)

Bishop The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenter I present this person to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with this person who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People 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.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

For Reception

James, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us now pray for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for our world,
the heavens tell of your glory;

for our land, its beauty and its resources,
for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly;

for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation;

for artists, scientists and visionaries,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life;
for all who enrich our experience.

We pray for all who are deprived of fullness of life, especially Sandy Allard, Mike Andolina, George Arsenault, Bob, Judy, and Chris Axner, Sherry Barker, Dan Clark, Mary Ellen Eichmann, Betty Hadfield, David Hardiman, Pat Hart, Meredith Hatchard, Terry Hill, Bradley Jugler, Julie Kraft, John McGinn, Meghan McGoldrick, Jack and Jill McLaughlin, George Meadows, Sheila Moss-White, Darwin Price, Stephen Shuart, Meg Smith, Rick Strawn, Dave Truesdale, Patti Watson, Bob Wright, Michael Curry and all those displaced or injured by natural disasters, violence or war;

For prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick;

Silence

We pray for all those who have died, especially those who have died from violence and war, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Silence

We pray for those in politics, especially President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, our Congress, as well as medical science, and social and relief work.

We pray for your Church and for our bishops -- Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, our bishops Alan and Carol, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. In the Anglican cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Churches of the Concord River Deanery including the Church of the Good Shepherd of Acton, St.

Andrew's Church of Ayer, Trinity Church of Concord, St. Andrew's Church of Framingham, the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society, and
for all who seek to bring life to others.

Silence

We thank you for all the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.
We will exalt you, O God our king.

Silence

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

God, Creator, bring us new life.
Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

God of peace, let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand

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

Invitation for birthday and anniversary blessings

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory

Anthem: *Brother James's Air* Br. James L.M. Bain/arr. Gordon Jacob

The loose offering collected today are designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Funds for Theological Education.

Checks should be made payable to "EDOM" (Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts) with

"Theological Education" in the memo line and sent to:

Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts. 02111, Attn: Office of Bishops.

Presentation of the Gifts

All things come from you O Lord.

And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand or kneel.

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.**

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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become 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 Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

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, 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Please follow the directions of the ushers.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

Communion Hymn

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

#343 Hymnal 1982

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through

Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

The Episcopal Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

#518 Hymnal 1982

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Please join us after the dismissal in the Parish Hall for fellowship and to greet Bishop Gates.

Postlude

Voluntary on 'Lasst Uns Erfreuen'

Setting by Donald Hustad

Those serving in today's service

The Right Reverend Alan Gates, Celebrant, preacher

The Reverend Donna Foughty, Rector

The Reverend Hilary Greene, Deacon, Bishop's Chaplain

Bill Lutz, reader; Jean Bertrand, greeter, usher

Kam Anderson and Bill Walsman, Lay Eucharistic Ministers; Betty Ann Waldo, coffee host

Kam Anderson, flower delivery

For Sunday, April 28

Kam Anderson, reader; Sidney Coursen, greeter, Todd Woolley, usher

Karen Butler, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Meg Pappas, coffee host

Jean Bertrand, flower delivery

News and Noteworthy

Upcoming Events

Today, 3:00pm

April 26, 3-9:00pm

Matt York concert

Use of Parish Hall by Cape Abilities for Friday Night Social

Ongoing

Tuesdays, 12:00pm

Wednesdays, 5:00pm

Thursdays, 5:00pm

Book Lovers' Gathering (new book: *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver)

Contemplative Service with Taizé music

Choir rehearsal

Free concert here TODAY 3:00pm

Matt York

Matt will be performing songs, stories, and gospel-inspired music of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson (The Highwaymen) and more.

Donations welcome