



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 and 10:30 am • April 21, 2024

THE VOLUNTARY: Toccata

Anon. Italian

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 525. The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE 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.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE

8:30 Gloria in excelsis Deo

BCP 356

10:30 205. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing, vv. 1 and 5

(see pew card)

THE WORD OF GOD

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 CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

After the homily, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

8:30 We will recite the psalm in unison.

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 SECOND LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: 644. How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

St. Peter

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lead your church into the way of love. Teach us to hear and follow your voice and your vision for the world. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops; Stephanie, Cathy, Phillip and Ryan, our parish clergy; and all bishops and other ministers. In the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia; St. Mark's, Halifax; and All Saints', Hamlet. We also pray for The Beloved Community at The Trees.

Tender Shepherd, **call us each by name and lead us home.**

Guide those around the world who make decisions that impact the lives of individuals and nations: Joseph, the President of the United States; members of Congress and of the Supreme Court; members and representatives of the United Nations; and all other leaders.

Tender Shepherd, **precede us all in the ways of justice and peace.**

Lighten the burden of those suffering loss, illness, and anxiety, those whom we know and love and those who are unknown to us.

In our church community, we pray for Alice, Alice, Beth, Betty, Bill, Carl, Diane, Don, Jack, Jan, Jane, Joan, Judy, Karen, Loren, Maggie, Marion, Marshall, Maxine, Nancy, Pam, Sherry, Steve, Steve, and those others we name now. (*The People may add their own petitions.*)

Tender Shepherd, **comfort them and shower them with your healing grace.**

We pray for our families, friends and neighbors: Al, Anna, Anthony, Beth, Christine, Danielle, Destiny, Evonne, Gayle, Gemma, Herb, Jane, John, John, Kate, Kelvin, Laura-Benton, Licia, Michelle, Mike, Mike, Pam, Roy, Sara, Sylvia, Todd, Vivian, Wyllis, and those others we name now. (*The People may add their own petitions.*)

Tender Shepherd, **comfort them and shower them with your healing grace.**

We pray for all those expecting a child, especially Catherine & Patrick, and Kristen & Bailey.

Tender Shepherd, **prepare them to receive your lambs.**

We pray for those who have died—especially Faye Henson, Stefan Copko, and Henry Hamman. Carry those who have finished their earthly journey into the next life and gently place them in God's eternal embrace.

Tender Shepherd, **hold them close to your heart forever.**

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

BCP 818

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: The Lord's My Shepherd

William Roger Price

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again, and in His love abide. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff my comfort still. My table Thou hast furnished; my cup Thou overfills. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be. And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

(see pew card)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 367

10:30 S-130, Schubert (see pew card)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Contemporary Version

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:30 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30 S-164, Schubert (see pew card)

THE COMMUNION HYMN: 581. Where charity and love prevail

Cheshire

THE 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.

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN: 610. Lord, whose love through humble service

Blaenhafren

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE VOLUNTARY: Es ist das Heil uns kommen her, BWV 638

J. S. Bach

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2024

Wardens George Douglas (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)
Members David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Roy Immelman, Charles Malone, Allison Martin, Julian McKimmon, Sarah O'Connor, Yvette Smith, Perry Suk, Sam Wesonga
Officers Mike Rhaney (Treasurer), Anne Stokes (Clerk)

YOUR GIVING	\$7,039.16	operating income
Week of April 14	– \$9,927.00	operating expenses (2024 budget)
	<u>(\$2,887.84)</u>	net shortfall



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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Stephanie Yancy
PREACHER	Anne Stokes
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Bradley Burgess, Organist and Choirmaster The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Helen Armstrong (8:30) Logan Lee, Becky Christian (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Rene Garces (8:30) Alicia Lester-Bodford, Yvette Smith (10:30)
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Davis Dutton
TORCHES (10:30)	Morgan Smith, Raylan Neece
BANNER (10:30)	CJ Mahoney
ALTAR GUILD	Robin Rhaney, Mary Kingsley, Julia Cavalier
ALTAR FLOWERS	Emilie Sigel
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Allison Martin
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	Beth Crow

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The Rev. Stephanie Yancy	Co-interim Rector
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