

St. James' Episcopal Church

April 21, 2024

10:30 am

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at this table.

Please stand as you are able.



The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray together.

People 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.

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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.

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

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 Reading

1 John 3:16-24

Lector

A reading from the First Letter of John.

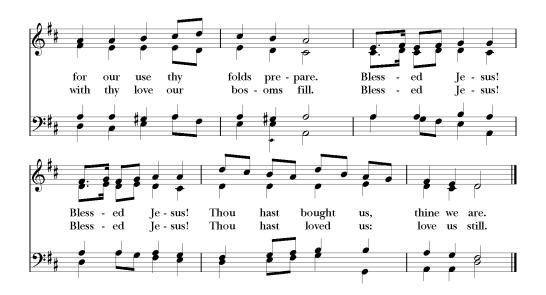
We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us H708 shep-herd lead us; much we need 2 Ear - ly seek thy fa vor, ear -1y let care; in thy plea pas - tures feed learn thy will; do thou, Lord, - ly Sa vior,



The Gospel John 10:11-18

Celebrant **People**

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."

Celebrant **People**

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Robby Vickery

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Intercessor We pray to Jesus who is present with us, now and always.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People in your mercy, hear us.

Intercessor Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People in your mercy, hear us.

Intercessor [Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way.

Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life.

(Pause to hear the thanksgivings of the community.)

We confess those things done and left undone that draw us from you and wound

your beloved community.

(Silence)

Jesus, Lord of life,

People in your mercy, hear us.

Intercessor Jesus, the Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler,

bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, and lead all to new pastures. We pray for those in sickness and struggle. For whom shall we pray?

(Pause to hear the prayers of the community.)

Jesus, Lord of life,

People in your mercy, hear us.

trusting in your love and mercy. We pray for those who have died.

(Pause to hear the prayers of the community.)

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be mindful of each other's varied boundaries.

Announcements and Blessings

Birthday Prayer

People

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

People

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, for which your Son gave his life, and surround this couple with your love. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

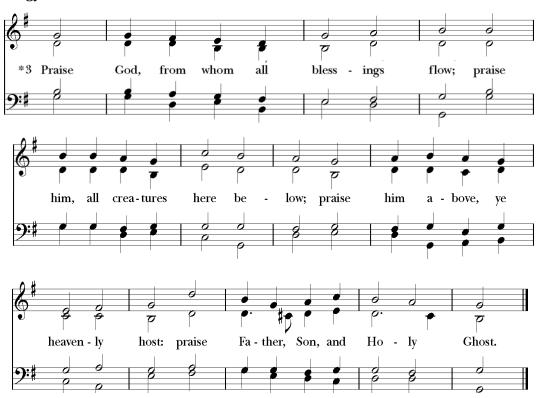


The plates will be passed during the offertory, but you may also make an offering through the Offering Box in the Narthex (lobby) or by using this QR code.

All I Ever Want to Be/Lord Be Glorified

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The Holy Communion

The 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:







Please remain standing as you are able.

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 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 St. James' and all your 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.

The Great Amen Trad. Spiritual



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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

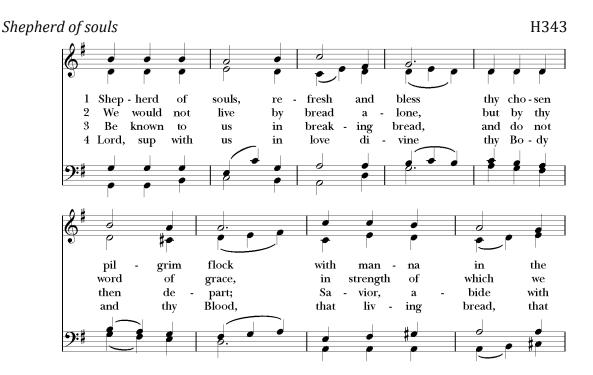
Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died

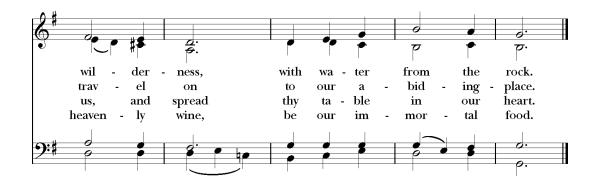
for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith,

People You are welcome at this table.

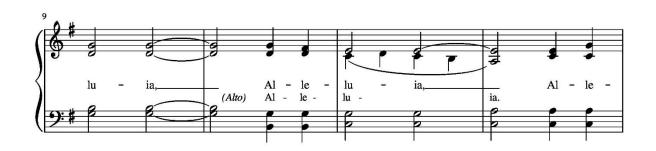
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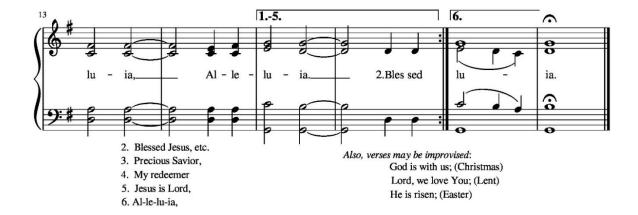




Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia







The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Loving God, we give thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

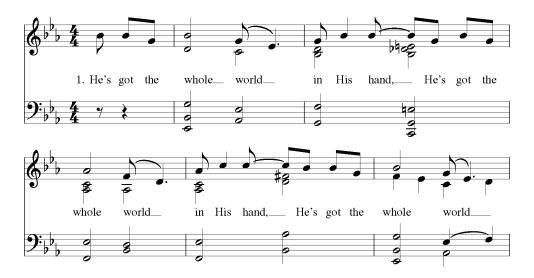
God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

He's got the whole world in His hands

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- 2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
- 3. He's got you and me brother, etc.
- 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
- 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

The Dismissal of the Community

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer List

The Prayer List is prayed on a regular basis by our Monday night Intercessory Prayer Group. We invite you to incorporate praying the list into your own prayer practices. To add a name to the prayer list, email prayer prayer practices. Prayer requests from the website will be autoforwarded to the pastoral care ministry and the office.

We give thanks for the birth of Oliver Atlas Hernandez, son of Terra Estep and Dorian Hernandez, and Neal Wilson Patel, son of Megan Schneider and Chirag Patel.

We pray for (3 weeks list): Dorothy Ruhl and Katie McKinney Jones

We also pray for those with long-term needs: Jeremy Alexander, Georgetta Bryant, Johann and Susanna, Judy Jenkins, Nancy Gabin, Wiley Williams, Michael Hughes, Anget, Marcia Ellison, Susan Gunn, BJ Taylor, Russel Taulli, Pedro E., Robin Fuller, Kisa Niewenhuis, Frank Weir and his family, Candice Brown, Jacob Schumacher and his family, Shirley Gordon, Bowen W., Vanessa Williams, Jim Burgess, Cindy, Jason and Jalen Castillo, Niesha Jones, Truitt Ray, Jerry, Marty, Emma McPherson, Pat, Kamilah Myrie, Tom and Dee Esquivel, Sammie A. Eppright, David Batty, Samuel Carothers, Anna Pecorino, Philip and family, John White, Brigitte Rhedin, Dan Shaw, Kirk Richter, Raymond Coleman, Cecilia Harris, Lily Thomas, Sandra Gilkey, Leslie Rose, Sean Calloway, Miles Calloway, Carrie Eppright-Givens, Clayton Givens, Roland Brown, Joy Roswell, Gaye Evans, Rose Watley, Carolyn Caffrey, Joseph Naranjo, Margaret Ann Bledsoe, Brandy, Andrea, Vanessa, Lorenza, Mrs. Lakeyshia Brown, Pam Beachley, Stephanie Smith, Elizabeth Sherar Gammon and Steven Sherar, Rebecca Kary, Sherry Ward, Carrie Schumacher, William Collier, Adrian Spears, Mark Werner, Myrna, Evelyn Marie Taylor, Nellie White, Gail Jackson, James Gibson, Richard Ezell, Mary Glennie, Edith Conde and family, Jacob Blake, John Paul Guajardo, Richard White, Andre Watkins, Jana Murphy, Justin Howell and his family, Bruce Blackwell, Doug Lawrie, Tara Turner, Gertrude Fowler, Claudette Milne, Frankie Scott, Mark McCrary, Kési Anderson, Rev. James Palmore, Cleo B., Jason A., Reed B., Angelina, Mike C., Diane Hoffman, Brian M, Joyce, Ganelle, Noah, Thor, Troy, Allissa, Charlene Moore, Eugenia Hayes, Tim and Shalmah, Carol Daughtry, Rachel and Daniel, Rebekah, Diane Neill, Cecile, Mildred Grimble, Margie Lawson, Melvin Alfred, Natrice Harding, Anne Osbourne, Richelle Easley, Patricia Harding, Brandon Williams, Joey Ramirez, Marvin Sykes, Max and his mother, Paul Gill, Samuel Kraemer-Dahlin, Jacquelyn Ferrell Mccadden, Ursula Ferrell

Jackson, Ronnie Yarmuck, Bertha Malone, Samah Al Adawi, Hazel Livingston, Arthur Shelton, Caren Bradshaw; and for all who are incarcerated and for their families, and all the refugees throughout the world. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

We pray for all who have died.

Announcements

Rev. Eileen is going on sabbatical, April 16 to July 15.

Every six years or so, clergy in the Diocese of Texas have an opportunity to take a sabbatical for refreshment and learning. This summer, Rev. Eileen will be celebrating 10 years since her ordination to the diaconate, and she will be taking her first ever sabbatical from April 16-July 15.

While she is away, everything keeps going! There will be some great guest preachers during this time, supporting our own clergy. Vestry, staff, and other volunteers will be picking up responsibilities here and there. Our Associate Rector, The Rev. George Porter, will be the point person for pastoral care and the emergency pastoral care line, but he will share these responsibilities with those who have long-standing pastoral relationships. Your senior warden, Simone Talma Flowers, your junior warden, Jill LaCour, are here for you; and you will see Vestry people making announcements and available for you during Coffee Hour and time in the narthex. Your office staff, Aimee Estep and Diana Espinosa, will continue to keep you informed and keep us moving. We will be preparing for a strategic planning process that will lead into a Master Plan process during the fall, and, by the way, we will be the first congregation in the Diocese of Texas to do this work in a way that is intentional about lifting up the voices of our multicultural, multilingual, multigenerational church community.

Rev. Eileen will be back in the office on July 15 having done some traveling, spent time with family, and worked on some writing.

Mueller Tuesdays, April 23, 7-8 pm Cork Room at the Overture

Join us Tuesday for a bible study in the Mueller neighborhood from 7-8 pm. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Email office@stjamesaustin.org. if you have any questions.

Join the Restaurant Group! May 2, 6:30-7:30 pm Our next meeting will be on May 2 at 6:30 pm at The Brewtorium near Lamar and Koenig. Let Teresa Chang turner.teresa@gmail.com know if you are coming so we know how many seats we need to save. See you there!

St. James' Children's Ministries will be working with St. David's for Vacation Bible School this year. May 28-31 (Tuesday-Friday), 9 am-12 pm, Age 3-5th grade (scholarships available through Rev. Robby or Rev. Jim).

Register at $\frac{https://stdave.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/8c423282-4848-4e7d-bd7f-e2c111135618$

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