



**Digital Bulletin**  
April 25, 2021 9:00 AM  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Prelude** "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" J.S. Bach

**Welcome & Introduction**

Moment of Silence

**Opening Hymn** "Christ is made the sure foundation" Hymn 518

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.
3. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving kindness hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, forever with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Book of Common Prayer Pg. 355

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
*Officiant* 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** Book of Common Prayer Pg. 356

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

*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.**

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (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

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 612

#### *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.

**People** **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **A Reading from the First Letter of 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.**

### **The Gospel**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John. **John (10:11-18)**

**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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** The Reverend Matt Holcombe

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 Form VI

*Deacon* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence*

*Deacon* For all people in their daily life and work;  
***People* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**  
*Deacon* For this community, the nation, and the world;  
***People* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**  
*Deacon* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
***People* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**  
*Deacon* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
***People* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**  
*Deacon* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
***People* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Deacon* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kym, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**People** **For all who serve God in his Church.**  
*Deacon* And we pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*Silence*

*Deacon* We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit: Ji-bril, Laura, Miles, Ashleigh, Cheryl, Reuben, Gael, Cindy, John, Aaron, Linda, James, Steve, Nancy, Tom J., Naomi, Rose, Sophia, Mary Lou, Katie, Amy, Brenda, Logan, Judy, Edwina, Roger, Jamison, and Hank.  
We pray for the deployed and those serving in the military: Garrett, Danielle, and Zachariah.  
Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Veronica, Susan M., Karen, Linda D., Naish, Elise G., and Marsha. We also give thanks for the anniversary this week of Carl & Michele Nesbitt.  
We pray for those who have died.

## The Confession

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 360

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## The Peace

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

*(You are encouraged to use your cell phone to exchange the peace via text message)*

## Announcements

### Digital Offering

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1. Using your text message on your smart phone, text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446.
2. Then click on the secure link sent to you via text message to make a contribution.

**Anthem** "Gentle Shepherd"  
St. Michael's Virtual Choir

Music by Molly Ijames  
Words by Michael Pope

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

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*Celebrant* All things come of thee O Lord.  
**People** **And of thine own have we given thee.**

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
(An appropriate Proper Preface is offered here and the service continues as follows.)

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:

**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* 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.

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:

**People** Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant* 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.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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**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**

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

*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, feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Post Spiritual Communion Prayer**

**Lord of the Feast,  
thank you for feeding us with the  
spiritual Body and Blood of Christ.  
May we be reminded of the many times  
we have been fed at your table,  
always being drawn closer to you  
in the breaking of the bread.  
We acknowledge your presence among us,  
just as you were present with your disciples.  
May your Holy Spirit continue to strengthen us  
to live, learn, and love beyond our walls.  
For the sake of your love in our lives,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Final Blessing

### Closing Hymn      “The King of love my shepherd is”

Hymn 645

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread’st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

## Dismissal

*Deacon*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People*      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### Postlude      “Psalm 18”

Benedetto Marcello

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