

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 21, 2024



HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

CHORAL INTROIT

At Easter-tide

Charles Villiers Stanford

No. 3 of *Six Occasional Preludes*, Op. 182

All stand as able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Good Christians all

Hymnal 205
GELOBT SEI GOTT

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal S-278
William Matthias

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.**

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.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

Lector A reading from 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 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.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

Lector A reading from First 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 to 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal 343
ST. AGNES

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People sit.

HOMILY

A period of silence is kept.

At the invitation of the Celebrant, all stand as able.

NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Celebrant Let us affirm the faith of the Church, saying the Nicene Creed.

All **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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 392, adapted

Reader Let us pray for the church and the world to God who raised Jesus to new life.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister with the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God, especially, in the diocesan cycle of prayer, for the congregations of Emmaus, Walled Lake; St. Paul's, Brighton; and St. David's, Southfield.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie our Bishop; for Emily and David our priests; and for all who minister in this congregation and diocese.

For all who love and serve the Lord.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those who celebrate birthdays this week, including *Leo Pfadt, Amal Nibem, Rachel Berlage*, those we now name. *(People may add names silently or aloud.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially *Phil Brown, Miriam Costandi, Susan K. Devereux, Paul & Jane Dieter, Judy Fallon, Debbie Faust, Jim Fleming, Wendy Ford, Elisha Geron, Rachel Goodman, Sally Granger, Patricia Jones, Nan Keils, Ruth Leney-Midkiff, Bill Matthews, Becky Moses Normore, Randy, Gretchen Rudy, John & Donna Wetzel*, and those we now name. *(People may add names silently or aloud.)*

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We pray for all who have died, that they may dwell in the wounded yet risen Body of Christ, in indescribable and glorious joy. We pray especially for Patty Cooley (grandmother of Katie Higgs) who died on April 12th and whose funeral was yesterday, and for those we now name. *(People may add names silently or aloud.)*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant Through the resurrection of your son, O God, you destroy the power of death and remove your people's shame. By the power of the Spirit, raise us from sin and seat us at the paschal feast, that we may rejoice in the gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **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.

All **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People share signs of Christ's peace, and then are seated.

GREETING

DeeDee McVety
Director, Faith Centered Engagement
Samaritas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: but chiefly we are 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 *All sing*

Hymnal S-128
William Mathias

**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.**

The Celebrant continues

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 to 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:

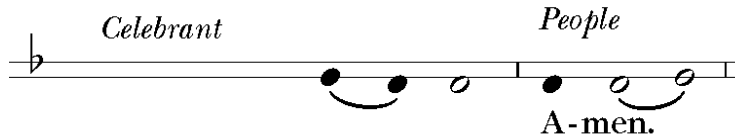
Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.



LORD'S PRAYER

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

BCP 364

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

All are invited to receive the Sacrament in both kinds.

The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words

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

There are three ways to receive the wine, if desired. At the high altar, please either sip from the first chalice or dip (intinct) your bread into the second, shallow chalice. At the transept, please take a single cup of wine (light-colored) or juice (dark purple) and place your empty cup on the nearby table.

Communion is full in one kind alone; that is, wine or juice are optional.

If you desire not communion but a blessing instead, please come to the high altar, cross your arms over your chest, and our priest will be honored to pronounce God's blessing upon you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
thy perfect love close in my breast
that I thee love and never rest,
and make me love thee of all things best,
and wounde my heart in thy love free,
that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

— 15th century

All stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Restore, Renew, Rejoice prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Faithful God,**
you call us to be living stones in a spiritual temple.
Bless the mission and outreach of Christ Church Detroit.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
enable us to confidently restore its fabric,
trustfully renew our vocation,
and boldly rejoice in our ministries.
Make this place a house in which your love dwells
and in which all your people find welcome and strength.
Grant this, we pray,
through the **One** who leads us ever onward in your service,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—be with you now
and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal 518
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter