



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:30 am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are so happy you are here. If you are new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate so we can welcome you personally.

Prelude

The Hymnal 1982 #708

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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. **Amen.**

The Hymnal 1982 #S-236

A Song of Praise

All sing,

Glory to you, Lord God of our forebears;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God 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 people sit for the readings.

First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

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Sung by cantor(s) and choir.

- 1 O God, you are my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 You make me lie down in green pastures
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 You revive my soul
and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.
- 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 God for ever.

The Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able to sing the sequence hymn.

The Hymnal 1982 #645

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People **Glory to you, O 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, O Christ.**

The Sermon

All stand as they are able and say,

The Apostles Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The People respond to each petition saying, "Hear our prayer."

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to our Risen Lord.

That we may be filled with the joy and hope of your life-giving resurrection.
Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That all who are isolated or persecuted for their faith may find strength and confidence in the good news of Easter. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That we may embrace the humility of the cross and subject ourselves to one another in Christian love. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That we may see your face in every neighbor and respond to your call to provide for those who are homeless or hungry and all who lack life's necessities. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That by your power we may work to make war cease through all the world. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That the light of your presence may shine upon the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them especially [those parishioners on our prayer list] and those we name now, silently or aloud (the People name their own petitions) ...Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to your promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, especially those we remember now, silently or aloud (the People name those they wish to remember)...Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.

The Peace

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

The People exchange greetings of peace with one another and are then invited to sit for announcements.

The Offertory

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Doxology *all stand & sing*

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #34, v. 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Sursum corda, The Hymnal 1982 # S-120

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings such as accents and hairpins.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

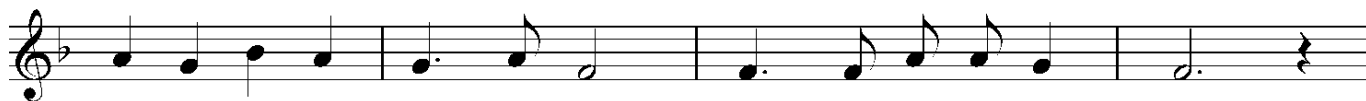
Celebrant,

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:



Sanctus, The Hymnal 1982 #S -125



The Celebrant continues,

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,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues,

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 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.

🛎️🛎️🛎️ *People* A - men. A - men. A - men.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains three measures of music. The first measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B-flat4. The second measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B-flat4. The third measure has a half note G4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

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

The Hymnal 1982 #S -154

A period of silence is kept, then all sing,

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics '(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)'. The second staff contains 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The third staff contains 'there - fore let us keep the feast.'. The fourth staff contains '(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)'. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems, and rests.

Celebrant: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People: **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Please ask for gluten free bread if necessary. To receive a blessing instead of the bread or the wine, cross your hands over your chest.

Communion Music

After Communion, the Celebrant prays,

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. **Amen.**

Celebrant and People,

Loving God, we give you 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.

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are Being Sent,

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

The God of all grace, who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore, establish, and strengthen you in the faith, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you now and always. **Amen.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

The God of all grace, who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore, establish, and strengthen you in the faith, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you now and always. **Amen.**

The Hymnal 1982 #174

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

As you depart, please do so quietly so others may listen to the postlude or pray.

Postlude

Dedications

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of our father Bob Reynolds by Robby, Terri and Jack; and IN LOVING MEMORY of Georgia L. Spafford, her sister Judith Merie Spafford, her father Burt D. Spafford & her grandmother L. Merie Spafford by their family.

THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK to the GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of my parents Dick and Alice Manning and my sister Gail by Rita Yates.

Worship Ministers

The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff, Celebrant

Timothy Wilson, Organist; Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director & Cantor

Pat Reynolds, 1st Reader; Loren Swanson, 2nd Reader

Eric Magnusson, Intercessor

Dennis Marsh & Sandra Kilian, LEMs & Acolytes

Bob Duke, Kyle King & Jan Osborn, Ushers

Announcements

- **The church office will be closed next week from April 22nd-27th.**
Alice will be on vacation and Fr. Jadon will be at an annual gathering for Episcopal military chaplains. If you need to reach him, you can call his office number (517) 787-3370 (ext. 3) and leave a message and he will return your call when he is able. Alice will be back on Monday, April 29th.
There will be no mid-day Eucharist on Wednesday, April 24th.
- **Diocesan Ministry Fair on May 4 HERE** - We will host this year's diocesan ministry fair on Saturday, May 4! The morning will begin at 9am with a special Eucharist, with Bishop Bonnie presiding and The Rev. Winnie Varghese from Atlanta as guest preacher and speaker. The afternoon will feature sessions on a variety of topics for church leaders from across the diocese. Everyone is welcome and highly encouraged to come for the morning. If you would also like to stay for lunch and the afternoon sessions, registration is required: <https://edomiforms.formstack.com/forms/ministryfair2024>.
- **ECW Zekelman Holocaust Center Tour, Sunday, April 28th 1-2:45 pm.**
We will tour the museum and then meet with a family member of a Holocaust survivor. We will carpool from the church. Cost is \$8 per adult, \$6 per senior, \$5 per student. Sign-up on the bulletin board. For questions, contact Sandra Kilian at 517-262-0365.
- **The St. Paul's Youth Group will meet next Sunday, April 28th at 5 pm.**
- **Nation Outside Film Screening and Discussion: Monday, April 29th, 5-8pm,** at the Carnegie Library, featuring the film 13th, which explores historical and contemporary issues of systemic racism and mass incarceration. Nation Outside is a grassroots organization that seeks policy change to help reduce the rate of recidivism for formerly incarcerated persons. Questions? Contact Natalie or Melaina Magnusson.

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