

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST

APRIL 21, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M.

## WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

*A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors! We are delighted that you are here. Everyone is welcome in this community of faith. Please help us get to know you by filling out a welcome card found in the pews or available from an usher. After you fill it out, please give it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.*

## PRELUDE

Sheep may safely graze (from Cantata 208)

*Johann Sebastian Bach (arr. Taylor)*

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

BLUE HYMNAL N° 492

## ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* The Lord is here.

*People* **His Spirit is with us.**

## THE GLORIA

BLUE HYMNAL S278

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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* 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.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON: 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."

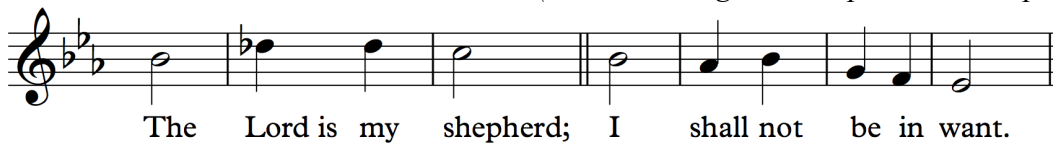
*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

## PSALM 23

ANTIPHON

*(The choir sings the antiphon and the people repeat it)*



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.

ANTIPHON

**SECOND LESSON: 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

BLUE HYMNAL N° 343

**ALLELUIA**

*All sing*

*Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker*

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

*Choir* Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.  
*All* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

*Priest* Listen to the Good News proclaimed in the Gospel of John  
*People* **Glory to Christ our Savior.**

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.”

*Priest*     The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*People*     **Praise to Christ our Savior.**

*All repeat*     **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

The Rev. David L. Jones

### **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. 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**

*Intercessor*     In peace, we pray to you, O God. For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People*     **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Intercessor*     For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People*     **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Intercessor*     For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People*     **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Intercessor*     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.**

*Intercessor*     For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People*     **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Intercessor*     For all who are called to serve as clergy and for all of the St. Peter’s ministries  
*People*     **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Intercessor* We pray for special needs and concerns of this congregation....  
*(we invite you to add your own petitions either silently or aloud)*

*Intercessor* Hear us, Lord;  
**People** **For your mercy is great**

*Intercessor* We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**People** **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died including those that we name now... that they may  
 have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Intercessor* God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**People** **Who put their trust in you.**

*Intercessor* Jesus, Risen one, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always.  
**People** **Amen**

### THE PEACE

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** ‘The King of Love my shepherd is’ *Harry Rowe Shelley*

**DOXOLOGY** (Verse 3) BLUE HYMNAL N° 380

**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. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer B *(BCP, p. 367)*

*Please stand as you are able*

### SURSUM CORDA

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 & BENEDICTUS**

BLUE HYMNAL S128

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

Therefore, according to his command

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

*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.....

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*      **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*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. 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.**

**AGNUS DEI**

BLUE HYMNAL S165

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*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.

*Communion will be distributed either in person at the crossing or at the High Altar. Please sit and wait for an usher to guide you. Gluten free wafers and wine are available; inform the clergy if you need them. If you would like a blessing please cross your hands over your chest. All are welcome to drink from the common Chalice or hand your wafer to the Chalice Bearer for intinction.*

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*We invite those who are at home to pray the Anima Christi during Communion.*

Jesus, may all that is in you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love you extend. Hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Until with your saints may I praise you forever. Amen.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

'The Lord is my shepherd'

*Thomas Matthews*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

***People* Eternal God, 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 Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CLOSING HYMN

BLUE HYMNAL N° 663

## DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth walking in the light of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

## POSTLUDE

Fugue in G (Concerto IV)

*Matthew Camidge*

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**MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY**  
*Celebrant & Preacher:* The Rev. David L. Jones  
*Director of Music:* Dr. Anthony Hammond

**PRAYERS FOR THE ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY**

Alex, Bob, Emily, Meghan, Merri, Nick, Rick, Inez Baker, Alan and Kathy Bowen, Eli Chasid, Mickey Clair, Peter Darlington, Bruce Dykes, Faith Eckler, Gail Compton Flynn, Jean Galbraith, Emden Gansner, Ann Marie Gutjahr, Hope Hazen, George Lonsberry, Robert and Phyllis Mitchell, Roger Morgan, Alan and Joann Painter, Howard and Patty Paulman, Shirley Phillips, The Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg, Maria Rossel, Walter Schierle, Tina Stewart, The Rev. Anne Thatcher, Barbara and Charles Trillich, Claire Walker

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Maurice LaFerriere  
Dan Murphy  
Rene Trespalacios

**ST. PETER'S MINISTRIES**

RAMP  
Pastoral Care Team

**2024 SAVE THE DATE**

May 5th      6:00 pm Choral Evensong  
May 18th     Documentary Screening: The Philadelphia Eleven  
June 2nd     12:00 pm Parish Annual Meeting

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