



St. James Episcopal Church

Our commitment: Walk with God.

***The Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21, 2024***

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**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
April 14, 2024**

Prelude: Meditation on *LAND OF REST*

arr. Charles Callahan

Processional Hymn #492: *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness* (please stand)

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 355

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.*

Gloria S-280

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

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 225

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)

First Reading: Acts 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

(We will read as instructed by the Lector)

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

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.**

Sequence Hymn #644: *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri

The Nicene Creed (Please turn to page 358 in *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Prayers of the People

(please kneel or be seated as you are able) The congregation will read the bolded italicized responses.

Lead your church into the way of love. Teach us to hear and follow your voice and your vision for the world.

Tender Shepherd, *call us each by name and lead us home.*

Guide those around the world who make decisions that impact the lives of individuals and nations.

Tender Shepherd, *precede us all in the ways of justice and peace.*

Lighten the burden of those suffering loss, illness, and anxiety; those whom we know and love and those who are unknown to us. We pray for those on our intercessions list: **GINNA** Cullen, **Allen & Lisa** Walton, **Warren & Pat** Gehle, **Carol** Coleman, **Donna** Mackes, **Mary Jane** Huff, **Chester** Harvey, **Charlotte** Jones, **Kristin** Zonozi, **Dana** Jordan, **Janet** Williams, **Elaine** Holloway, **Howard** Smith, **Felecia** Christian, **Craig** Caulkins, **W.A.** Dickinson, **Candy** Parker, **Cheryl** Berg, **John** Cochrane, and **Nancy** Miller.

Tender Shepherd, *comfort them and shower them with your healing grace.*

We pray for those who have died. Carry those who have finished their earthly journey into the next life and gently place them in God's eternal embrace. We especially remember **Marilyn Davis**, **Tony Smith**, and **Pauline Harris**.

Tender Shepherd, *hold them close to your heart forever.*

The Celebrant will add a concluding Collect.

Peace & Greeting

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Celebrant "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." (*1 John*)

Anthem: *In This Very Room*

Ron and Carol Harris

Doxology *(please stand)*

*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.*

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 361

(please remain standing)

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:

Sanctus S-129

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.

(Please kneel as you are able)

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is 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.**

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

People and Celebrant

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364

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

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.

Fraction Anthem: *“My flesh is food indeed”*

Communion Hymn #645: *The King of love my shepherd is*

Post-Communion Prayer (please kneel) *The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 365*

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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 Lord. Amen.

Blessing: Be careful as you go out into God’s creation, for it does not belong to you. Be gentle with yourself and with one another, for you are the dwelling place of the Most High, God. Be alert and hesitant, for sometimes God is but a whisper. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #304: *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Those Who Serve Today

Crucifer & Holder of Intinction Cup: John Schick

Chalice: Linda Harvey

Lector: Dale Williams (8) / Kathy Campbell (10)

Prayers of the People: Dale Williams (8) / Bill Treiber (10)

Ushers: Graven & Kelly Craig

Altar Guild: Lin Kogle

Sunday School: Amy Shiflett / Debbie Wesley

Nursery: Amy Schick / Anna Schick

Counters: Kelly Craig / Patty Driskill

Intercessions

Church Members: Ginna Cullen, Allen & Lisa Walton, Warren & Pat Gehle, Carol Coleman

Family of Church Members: Donna Mackes, Mary Jane Huff, Chester Harvey, Charlotte Jones, Kristin Zonozi

Friends of Church Members: Dana Jordan, Janet Williams, Elaine Holloway, Howard Smith, Felecia Christian, Craig Caulkins, W. A. Dickinson, Candy Parker, Cheryl Berg, John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

For those in military service, especially: Hope Matkins, Zachary Lynch, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser

For clergy and congregations of Christ, Alexandria; Good Shepherd, Burke; St. John's, McLean; Varina, Richmond

For the departed: Marilyn Davis, Tony Smith, Pauline Harris

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Thanksgivings:

21-Jeff & Cochran Garnett; 23-Anna Schick; 26-Alexis Downey

Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

We welcome all visitors to St. James. If you would like to know more about our church family, please sign a pew card or the guest register on the table in the back. We want to know that you were here, so be sure to leave your contact information, including your mailing address, so that someone can contact you. Thank you for joining us this morning.

The flowers on the altar are given by the Altar Guild to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all those who serve each week setting and preparing the altar.

Lin Kogle will speak on the Louisa Housing & Homeless Coalition at this morning's Adult Forum beginning at 9am in the Parish Hall.

This afternoon @ 4:30pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Orange is having A Service of Choral Evensong. A potluck supper will follow. All are invited!

Next Sunday, April 28th, Evie Joyce Jones (her parents are Rachel & Corey) and Violet Claire Reynolds (her parents are Rachael & Stewart, and her sister is Sadie) will be baptized at the 10 o'clock service. A reception will follow to welcome the newly baptized girls.

May 5th will be a busy Sunday! It is Coffee Hour Sunday, so there will be a coffee hour in the Parish Hall following each of the services. We will recognize our 2024 Graduate ~ Connor Downey at the 10 o'clock service and during the 10am Coffee Hour. May 5th will also be recognized as the United Thank Offering (UTO) Spring Ingathering. Your donations to the UTO will be taken up during the regular offering that Sunday.

Rev. Jennifer will hold a Confirmation/Inquirer's Class beginning Tuesday, May 7th, at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you are interested, please let Rev. Jennifer know. More information is available in the weekly newsletter.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 9th! St. James will have ONE worship service outside at 10 o'clock. We will then enjoy a church picnic on the back lawn (weather permitting). The church will provide fried chicken and asking everyone to bring a side dish or dessert. Hope you will be able to join us for a day of fun and fellowship!