

St. John's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Morning Prayer, Rite II
April 21, 2024 · 10:30 AM

All are welcome to worship God in this place.
In church before the service, please respect others by being silent.
Bold print indicates all the people shall read aloud

So that we may reach a wider audience,
this service is being broadcast on Facebook Live and Youtube.
If you do not wish to be captured on camera,
we invite you to be seated in the back of the church.

PRELUDE Jesus, Help Us to Win, Prince of Life

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Hymnal 518 Westminster Abbey

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OPENING SENTENCE

Book of Common Prayer 77

Officiant Christ is not entered into the sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer 79

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

Silence may be 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.*

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Book of Common Prayer 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and 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 forever. *Amen. Alleluia!*

Officiant Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God: Come let us adore him.

VENITE *Psalms 95:1-7*

Hymnal - S 35

Jack Noble White

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
And raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
And the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
And his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

2 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

We will sing the psalm together.



Carrow, © Peter Aston, (from *A Twentieth Century Chant Sheet*, ed. Brunton, 1975)

1. The | LORD is my | shepherd; *
I | shall not | be in | want.
2. He makes me lie | down in green | pastures *
and | leads me be|side still | waters.
3. He re|vives 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.

All 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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

Reader 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 The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
 God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
 for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
 3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
 tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -
 hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of
 depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,
 _____ Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you! _____
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

Reader 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 The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



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-less-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 THIRD LESSON

John 10:11-18

Reader A reading from John.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

by The Rev. Abraham Allende
 Read by Eva Sullivan

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Book of Common Prayer 496

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer 97

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 SUFFRAGES B

Book of Common Prayer 97

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant Day by day we bless you;

People We praise your name for ever.

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People For we put our trust in you.

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;

People And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

Officiant 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 Collect for Sundays

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with *thy* most gracious favor, and further us with *thy* continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in *thee*, we may glorify *thy* holy Name, and finally, by *thy* mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING

Officiant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Psalm 23

Howard Goodall

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Hymnal - 708 Sicilian Mariners

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.

DISMISSAL

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*If you feel inclined to, please exit quietly as the Postlude is playing to ensure others can fully enjoy the music.
We invite you to join your fellow parishioners during Coffee Hour.*

POSTLUDE Praise the Lord, O My Soul

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

MUSIC NOTES

The prelude and postlude this morning were composed by the German organist and composer Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933). Karg-Elert's music was not highly regarded in Germany in the 1920's and 1930's as he was influenced by French impressionism. He had an extensive knowledge of music theory which enabled him to imitate most any style. Many of his compositions for organ are based on Protestant hymnody.



WE PRAY FOR our faithful departed and their families:
Marjorie Geitgey passed away on Friday, March 29th, 2024.
Services were held on Saturday, April 13, 2024.



WE PRAY FOR those who have requested prayer this month:
T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Kim Daniels, Brian Hill, Tom Wrona,
Jim Ehret, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Adam Sullivan,
Doug Hotchkiss, Charles Rumberg, Derrie Wilkes

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MUSICIANS, READERS, ALTAR GUILD, AND VIDEOGRAPHER.

Many thanks to contributions made in honor of loved
ones for flowers and aumbrey candle each week.

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