



GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

****Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices before the start of the service. Thank you.****

The Rev. Nathan D Carr – Vicar
The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon
Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director
Daisy Leyva-Lara – Children's Coordinator
Victoria Moon – Nursery Attendant

Serving Today:
Cantor – Doug Rogez
Greeters / Oblationers – Vivian and John Dewar
Lay Readers/Chalice Bearers – Babette Patton,
Aaron Mooney, and Steve Orwig
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year B
Rite II – Holy Eucharist & Hymns – April 21, 2024 – 10:15 AM

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

The Hymnal, #518

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted lovingkindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

The Hymnal, S280

**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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

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."

 The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 23

Dominus regit me

- 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**.

The Second Lesson

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal, #343

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear from him
who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

2. We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice;
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

4. that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

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

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

The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Nathan Carr

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.

The Prayers of the People

Form I

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the
Lord, saying "*Lord, have mercy.*"

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,
and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Bishop Poulson, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

At this time of Remembrance, for the victims of the 1995 bombing in Oklahoma City, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those on our prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us,
O Lord, by thy grace.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves,
and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

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.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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. **Amen.**

The Celebrant may add sentences from scripture
Please stand

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

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Blessing Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of you, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given you.**

Offertory Anthem

Hallelujah, Amen
St John's Choir

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah, Amen!
O Judah, Rejoice in songs divine
With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join.
Hallelujah, Amen!

Doxology

The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

**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 people stand or kneel.

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People

**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. **Amen.**

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

**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Hymnal, S163

We Share the Gifts of God

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

1. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

2. Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.

The Hymnal, #317

3. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.
Celebrant and People

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**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.**

Recessional

1 I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

The Hymnal, #398

3 There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be,
thou, God, art present there.

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

PRAYER LIST

Please hold the following people in your ongoing prayers:

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| Alex | Judd | Peter |
| Annette | Karl | Monte Pratt |
| Audrey | Kate | Savannah Prock and |
| Beverly Bradley | Kolb Family | Family |
| Braiden | Sarah Kramer | Mathew Reynolds |
| Sarah Brewer | Jean Ledet & Chad | Kathleen Rhodes |
| Margaret Brown | Dixon | Rob, Ruthie and |
| Lewis Honor Carr | Gary and Kathleen Lee | Samuel |
| Nancy Carr | Denys Lenets | Adrienne Robertson |
| Dana Collins | Kelly Linton | Sahar |
| Sue Collins | Kara Lynn | Scott Salladin |
| Dana | Maria | Seth |
| David | Tony Marruchella | Betty Sinclair |
| Ed | Leland Mayo | John Steward and |
| Sharon Ellington | Mike McCollom | Lee DeWitt |
| Eve | Sue McCollom | Martha Steward |
| Agatha Gasperoni | Trish Morgan | Nancy Steward |
| Myrna Gowman | Christina Morris | Susan |
| John Greiner | J Paul Mosier | Tina |
| Steve Hammontree | Daniel Nash | Tyler and Dru |
| Aimee Hanneman | Jamie Nash | Vicki |
| Kimberly Hopper | Joy Nelson | Donna Walters |
| Dr. J | Pam | Mary Jo Watson |
| Jack | Patty | Pat Westervelt |
| Jessica | Penny | Gordon Welch |
| | | Will |
| | | Ginny Wynn |

Altar Gifts

Today's flowers and candle are given by Deborah Nelson,
in memory of her son David's loving and joyful spirit.

Birthdays This Week

22 Karen Garcia

26 Myrna Gowman

Anniversaries

25 Mike and Waneima Maney

Announcements

Registration Now Open for Pilgrimage to England and Scotland. To register go to <https://portal.myfaithjourneys.com/> and create an account. To be sure that you are registering for the correct group, use our **group's code: 25005**. **Illustrated instructions** on how to register are included in this week's Fab Friday as well as on the table below the Pilgrimage bulletin board. This site is NOT mobile friendly and it is highly recommended that you register on your computer or tablet. For assistance, contact Nancy.

As announced last Sunday, we are working to **update our Prayer List**. Please review the list in this bulletin and **send information to Nancy by email** (stjohnsokc@yahoo.com) and include your name and the name of the person(s) you would like to add or remove. If you need to take care of this on a **Sunday, please give the information to Nancy IN WRITING** (or drop it in the offering plate) and again include your name and the name(s) of those you would like to update. My memory isn't at all what it was when I was 40.

And the Good News is – Nancy has graduated from physical therapy (!) and will return to regular office hours beginning Tuesday, April 23. The office will again be open Tuesday through Friday with **NEW HOURS** being 9:30 to 3:30.

Adult Formation Class
“God is Calling You”
Sundays - April 21st through May 26th, 2024

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Intent:

to delve into the meaning of “vocation and ministry”
and what that has to do with you and me

Learnings about:

- our Baptismal Covenant
- St. Benedict and other founders of monastic orders
in the history of Christianity
- a Rule of Life
- Religious Orders, Communities, & Societies
in the Episcopal Church
- What it is / means to be “called”

Sources I will use and provide:

The Book of Common Prayer
Eight songs with focus on the lyrics
Printed handouts for each class

Activities:

Listening, Talking, Reading, & Sharing