

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024 ● 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer and is printed here in its entirety.

The Opening Voluntary

Prelude on St. Columba"

The Opening Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation Hymnal 518

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The People say together

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 Gloria Hymnal S 280

The Collect of the Day

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*.

The 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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ *See page 12*

The Lord my God, my shepherd is

Hymnal 663

The 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

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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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is Hymnal 645 v. 1,2,5,6

The Holy 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. Canon John Thompson-Quartey

A period of silent prayer.

The Nicene Creed

All say together

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 III

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and

humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and

Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations

of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,

especially Stephanie and Zack;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Denise;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Intercessor We pray for the members of our Nominating Committee, Philip,

Kasey, Brother, Katie, J.J., Bill, and Fred, and our Vestry members, Marianne, Tony, Marge, Anne, Mary Frances, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Roy that they may be guided by your Holy Spirit. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Gina, Hank, Caroline, Dean, Dawn, Nate, Tim, Laura, Mikayla, and Anna Grace.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Prayer In Times of Conflict [prayed by all]

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. {BCP page 824}

The celebrant adds a concluding collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Announcements

The Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd Howard Goodall

The Presentation Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord Hymnal 304 CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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.

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. 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:

The Sanctus Hymnal S 129

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,

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.



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

People and Celebrant

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

A period of silence is kept.

Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. A mobility-impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation.

The Communion Anthem

Do You Hear the Shepherd? Kimberly Ingram

St. Cecilia Choir with Handchimes

Do you hear the shepherd? Calling clear and strong? Do you hear the shepherd? Do you hear the song?

One by one, he calls each by name; all are in his sight. His clear song quiets all our fear through the cold and dark of night.

When he speaks, our hearts leap with joy, for we know the shepherd's voice. As we walk through the narrow gate, our trusting hearts rejoice!

The Communion Hymn

Please stand at the last verse

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Hymnal 343

The Post Communion Prayer

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.

Prayer for those Not Receiving the Blessed Sacrament

[Adapted from Saint Augustine's Prayer Book. For those not present in the Nave.]

Blessed Jesus, in union with the faithful of every place and people and nation, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I believe that you are truly present in the Bread that has been blessed, broken and given. Since I cannot now receive this holy sacrament, I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Abide with me, that I may embrace you entirely, and submit myself to your love and mercy. Let me never be separated from you, that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence. I ask this for the sake of your love. *Amen*.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

alleluia, alleluia.

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

The Closing Voluntary

Toccata in F Dietrich Buxtehude

Remember in your Prayers

From The Daughters of the King: O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Roger Hines, Bo Warren, Gloria Crook, Ernie Williams, Andrew Davis, Saralyn Singletary, Connie Edge, Sue Woodward, Kathryn Martin, Bill Garrett, Karen Mosley, Barbara Marshall, Seth Hart, George Abbott-Maze, Holly DeSimone, Emily Benjamin, Amy Jones, Billie Harper, Mary Ellyn Booth, Bill Henry, Dianne Teer, Stephanie Rafferty.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Greg Parsons, Annie Bulford, Kelsey Crow, Anne Murphy, Jim Myrick, Ashton Hughes, Lamar Toole, Elizabeth Briscoe, William 'Parker' Johnson, Paul Sherman, Robert Hicks, Buddy Sullivan, Larry Maze, Ron Wilson, Zack Henderson.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Tony, Marge, Anne, Mary Frances, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Roy, and for the Staff: Canon John, Nicole, Rev. Deandre, Rhett, Dawn, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of the Rector Nominating Committee: Philip Hand, Kasey Bulford, Brother Massenburg, Katie McBride-Newman, J.J. Thomasson, Bill Tudor, and Fred Wagner.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau

Massenburg, Ryan Whitfield, Stephen Malcom, Victoria Eversoll, Trey Bland.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Gina Watkiss, Hank Powell, Caroline Colpoys, Dean Eelman, Dawn Harrison, Nate Turner, Tim Young, Laura Candler, Mikayla Pape, and Anna Grace Hand.

We pray for those who have died, especially Denise Hamm Ravenell. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week Anne Graner

Vergers Frankey Henderson & Katie McBride-Newman

Eucharistic Ministers Lauren Gallagher & Sarah Huxford

Acolytes Liam Bulford (1st); India Camp (2nd); Jaden Reynolds

(Banner); Elijah & James Edwards (Torchbearer)

Reader(s) Nina Watts

Prayer Intercessors Carolyn Groover & Bill Harrison

Ushers Mike Scott, Mike Gallagher, Chris Howell, Amy Jones,

Daryl Jones, Brother Massenburg, Michele Mattera, &

Bill Stemberger

Altar Guild Dawn Harrison & Renee Powell

Flower Guild Marie Miller

Parish Notices

Earth Day: On Monday, April 22nd we celebrate Earth Day. This celebration reminds us to nourish what God has given us, the ground under our feet and all of our natural surroundings. God called our earthly home "good," and he has left it in our hands. Some ideas for being good stewards of creation this week: plan a hike, volunteer to clean up, recycle, or clean out your clothes closet and donate to charity. For more ideas and information, see the Friday e-Newsletter.

Outreach Presentation: Please join us on Wednesday, April 24, at 10 am, at One Roof Ecumenical Alliance Outreach to present a community grant check for \$10,000 to the Coweta Community Food Pantry. This grant money will help with the purchase of needed items and for the replacement or repair of their walk-in freezer. The condition of their freezer has continued to cause spoiling of food intended for recipients. We will also be presenting your filled senior citizens' food bags. Thank you for being generous with your donations. Our time will end with a tour of the food pantry. One Roof is located at 253 Temple Avenue. Hope to see you there!

Church Security: If you have a key to the church, please consider the safety of your fellow parishioners and staff as well as the security of the premises, and make sure that you lock all doors that you unlock. Also, please make sure the doors you lock are securely shut as some doors need a firm push to latch securely.

Senior Sunday: Senior Sunday will be on May 12th. If you are a graduating senior, please share your name with Rev. Deandre at **revdeandre@stpaulsnewnan.org**. Information for applying for a Mary Kate Parks Mason (MKPM) scholarship will be shared soon.

Vacation Bible School: Save the date of July 8 - 12 for Vacation Bible School.

Altar Flowers Dedication: A lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday is to donate the altar flowers. The cost of the arrangements is \$60 per Sunday. Please remember to submit payment either via the collection plate or Realm. Please make sure to indicate in the memo line the contribution. Please make sure to submit the request by Tuesday at 12 pm to ensure that the announcement is placed in the bulletin on the correct Sunday. You can also use this QR code to sign up.



The Daughters of the King: Information pamphlets are available on the bulletin board outside of the parish hall for anyone interested in learning more about The Daughters of the King. We welcome any prospective members!

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