

# The Fourth Sunday after Easter

April 21, 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (EPISCOPAL)**

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## The Word of God

### The Prelude

*Morning Song*

Gurlitt

*Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.*

### The Opening Hymn 525 The Church's one foundation

*Aurelia*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### The Collect for Purity

**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 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.**

*Please be seated for the scripture appointed.*

### The Lessons

#### A reading from the book of 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.**

**Psalm 23** *(Prayed antiphonally by whole verse, alternating between East and West)*

- 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.

**A reading from the First Letter of 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.**

*Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.*

**The Sequence Hymn 645 The King of love my shepherd is**

*St. Columba*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **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."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

*Please stand as you are able for the creed; you may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.*

### **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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**

Risen Christ, open our hearts to your grace and your truth.

**May we walk in newness of life.**

Teach us to love others in the power of your Spirit.

**May we walk in newness of life.**

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for our sister parishes across eastern Massachusetts, including today Trinity Parish of Newton Center; Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban; St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley; and the Life Together Diocesan Intern Program

**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

We pray for the world: remembering especially those regions of the world torn apart by war or civil unrest, including Russia and Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and The West Bank, Haiti and The Sudan. Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for our community and offer thanks for those who support our Glimpse of the Gospel Sunday morning bible study ministry.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Elizabeth Beattie, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Noah Evans, Rob, Mary Isner, Carolyn Lawrence, Tony Morse, Burl Newton, Jennifer Peters, Joan Payne, Joan Proctor, Henry Shepherd, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Linda Staab, Carole, Maggie, Michael, Pat. We remember all we name before you now. (Pause). God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

We remember those who have died, particularly those we name before you now. (Pause). We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

**Into your hands we commend them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**May their example inspire and encourage us.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries. (Pause). Risen Christ, open our hearts to your grace and your truth.

**May we walk in newness of life.**

## The Concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:"  
Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that  
heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Peace

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

## The Greeting and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

#### The Offertory

*My Shepherd will Supply My Need*

Virgil Thompson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed  
beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me,  
for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

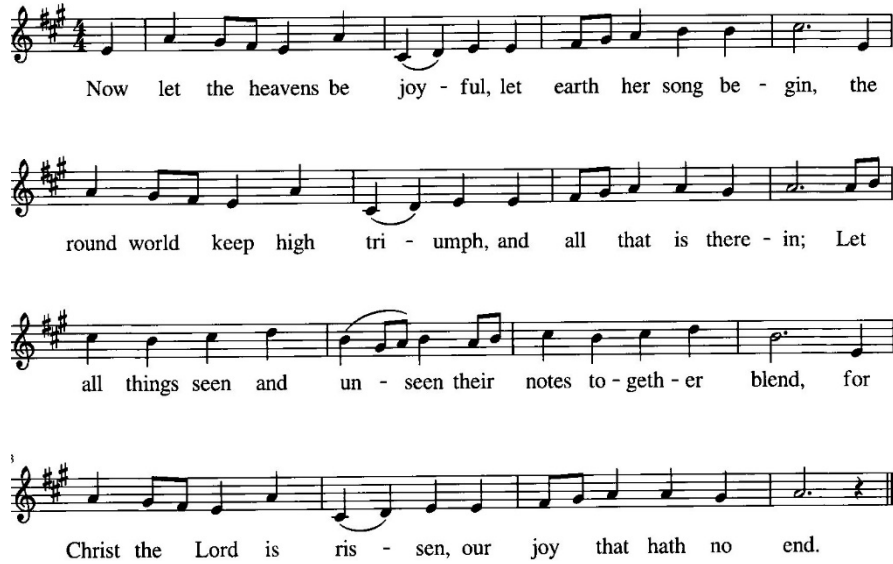
When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting  
breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my  
work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a  
guest, but like a child at home.

*Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.*

Now let the heavens be joyful

*Ellacombe*



Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin, the  
 round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in; Let  
 all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend, for  
 Christ the Lord is ris - sen, our joy that hath no end.

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

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*



*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 Christ; 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-130 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
<sup>1</sup> ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are fu - ll  
<sup>1</sup> full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high -  
<sup>2</sup> est Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - san - na  
<sup>2</sup> in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Christ. 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,

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

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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*  
As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*  
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,  
now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Awaiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

*All are welcome to receive communion. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please make your needs known to the person serving you.*

## The Communion Hymns

My soul is at rest

Jacques Berthier

My soul is at rest in God a-lone, my sal-va-tion comes from God. My

Hymn 174 At the Lamb's highest feast

Salzburg

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

## The Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

## The Blessing

May the God who raises Jesus to new life, raise us up to good works and new faith. **Amen.**

May the God who raises us up, send us out to be holy people in the world. **Amen.**

May the God who sends us out, gather us again at a table in that kingdom which is both now and forever. **Amen.**

And, may the God of all grace, who creates, redeems and sanctifies all things, bless, preserve and keep you both now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Closing Hymn 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

*Finnian*


### The Dismissal

*Deacon*



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Postlude

*Highland Cathedral*

Korb/Roever

*Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

*Music Director*

Joan Kirchner

*Organist*

Joseph Dudzinski

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*Readers*

Carol Baffi-Dugan, Dick Koeppen, Kate Paradise

*Ushers*

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*Altar Guild*

Georgia Schneider

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