

CHRIST AND SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023, 10:15 a.m.

*All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.*

PRELUDE: Prelude & Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

Johann Sebastian Bach

Benjamin Vogan, organ

Please stand at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

HYMN 205: Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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 IN EXCELSIS: Hymnal S 278

William Mathias

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 LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

THOSE who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (*sung by the Choir - chant by C. Hylton-Stewart*)

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

Therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture *

and lead me forth besides the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul *

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shall prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; *
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving kindness 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 Peter 2:19-25

IT is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 478: Jesus, our mighty Lord, our strength in sadness

Monk's Gate

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

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

JESUS said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon James Harlan
Canon Evangelist, Diocese of Southern Virginia

THE NICENE CREED *(said by all, standing)*

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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

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence may be kept. The Priest adds the concluding prayers and Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

All kneel. Silence may be kept.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant 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 PEACE

Please stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: The Lord is my Shepherd

Franz Schubert

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing.

He feedeth me in pastures green, yea, he leadeth me beside still waters.

The Lord restoreth all my soul;

he leadeth me in paths of righteousness to praise his holy Name.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark shadowed valley, yet I will fear no evil,

for thou dost shelter me: thy rod and staff they comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table for me before the face of all my foes,

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Thy goodness and thy mercy, they shall ever follow me;

Yea, I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for evermore.

-Psalm 23, translated by John Rutter

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

from Enriching our Worship

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S 125

Richard Proulx

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues...

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC: Adoration

Florence Price

Benjamin Vogan, organ

COMMUNION ANTHEM: We shall walk through the valley

arr. Undine Smith Moore

Lord, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there.

If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HYMN 544: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Duke Street

POSTLUDE: Toccata, from Symphonie No. 5 in F

Charles-Marie Widor

Benjamin Vogan, organ

Notes on Today's Music

Franz Schubert's setting of Psalm 23 was composed in 1820. It was written for a soirée given in Vienna by four musical sisters, the Fröhlichs, one of whom was a singing teacher. The piece quickly became a favorite and was soon published. The gentle triplet organ accompaniment lends a pastorale sense to music, evoking a picture of the Austrian hillside and country church. The fact that this piece was conceived for a concert rather than liturgical use illustrates how the barriers between the performance of sacred and secular music were blurred in Schubert's lifetime.

Undine Eliza Anna Smith Moore (1904–1989) is considered the “Dean of Black Women Composers”. She taught, performed, and composed a wide output of music, mostly based on traditional spirituals and folk music. Most of her career was based at Virginia State College, now Virginia State University in Petersburg. She was awarded many honors in her lifetime, including from Fisk University, the state of Virginia (music laureate), and an honorary doctorate from Indiana University.

Today we welcome to guest organist Benjamin Vogan. Ben is a graduating senior at Christopher Newport University, where he majored in Music (Organ Performance) and Molecular Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Ben has studied organ with Kevin Kwan for the last two years and played his senior recital at Bruton Parish in Williamsburg earlier this month.

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

*If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy
or Bf Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Emmanuel, Portsmouth; St. Christopher's, Portsmouth.

We pray for those who are facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially:
Clay Gordley, Chris Hale, Pat Riddle, Mark Sayers, Janice Strange, Martha Valciukas and
George Vick. We pray also for Rudy and Kate Miller in their journey and ministry to Kenya
and we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Marshall Ellis.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers:

Carolyn Baker, Carter Bernert, Tom Bolt, Nancy Branch, Marilyn Gindroz, Cy Grandy,
Bernie Ham, Patsy Johnson, Frank Kirchner, Wayne and Mollie Lundie, Bahman Massoud,
Bill McAree, Mary Helen McCoy, Steve McCoy, Pat Rueppel, Alex Rutecki, William Swan,
Ellie Weeks, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers:

Catherine Blackwood, Eleanora Woloy Brown, Buddy Cline, Sally Corliss, Elizabeth,
Ethelene, Beatrice C. Ferrario, Ginny Foot, Bea Greenlaw, Sadie Jane Hogan, Judy Holt,
Tom Jenkins, Lillian Kenison, James Kilavey, Joe McQuown, Ed Muth, Stefan Perry, Jason
Primm, Dennis Provost, and Mavis Stapleford.

This week's Birthdays: May 1-7

David Bickford, Chloe Evans, Sarah Faber, Connie Faivre, Michael Harrington, Kelly
Hollowell, Gary Laws, Woody Marshall, Annie O'Donnell, Emma Riley, Julia Scruggs,
Rachel Tobias, and Adair Wells.

This week's Anniversaries: May 1-7

Scott & Paula Faivre, Dan & Trish Heflin, and Sam & Priscilla Roady.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of the marriage of
Gina Miller and Alexander Barranger.*