



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 2024 10:00 AM YEAR B

Prelude

“Pastorella: I, II”

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 184 "Christ the Lord is risen again!"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.***

Gloria S278

Mathias

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Together 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 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."

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

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

Hymn 645 "The King of love my shepherd is" (paraphrase of Psalm 23)

Blue 1982 Hymal

The 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

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

Sequence Hymn 188 "Love's redeeming work is done" *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

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

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

The 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.***

The Homily

The Rev. Michael Dunnington

Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Gathered in the care of the Good Shepherd and guardian of our souls, let us, in trust, pray for the church and the world, praying, Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the many blessings God bestows upon us:
For our lives, our families, our companions, and all those we love,
For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week especially on his birthday with Tom Simon and on their anniversary with Doug and Ellen Jeffery.

For the splendor of this earthly home God created for our enjoyment and care.

Let us give thanks to the God of Life, praying, Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church, that we may devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching with glad and generous hearts:

For our clergy and our bishops,

For all the lay people, the true ministers of the Church,

Who lovingly serve the world as the community of the Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Diocesan Creation Care Ministry; our Missioner, Kevin; and all those working to protect and sustain our earth home;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for the people and ministry of Mision San Felipe y Santiago, Apostoles, in Loiza;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner, Isaiah 58 Ministries, and our outreach partner, Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We pray for the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all, praying, Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the world and its leaders, and our nation and its people, that all may work for justice and peace, bringing an end to war, destruction,

violence, and oppression, praying especially for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, praying, Risen Lord,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Leader: Let us pray for those who are sick, all who suffer, and those who struggle with addiction or difficult demands of daily life. We pray for the homeless, the oppressed, prisoners, immigrants, and all who live in fear of separation of home and family. We pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we name either silently or aloud [pause], that the hope born of Easter may give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and closer communion with the God who redeems and restores, praying, Risen Lord,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Leader: Let us pray for those who have died, that they be welcomed to new and eternal life, embraced by God and the communion of saints, praying, Risen Lord,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

The celebrant offers this concluding collect.

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to love one another, to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace *All stand as able. The Presider says to the people*

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem “I Am the Good Shepherd” Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own sheep, and my sheep know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for my sheep. But there are other sheep of mine, not belonging to this fold, whom I must bring in; and they too will listen to my voice. There will be one flock, one Shepherd.

John 10:14-16

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Eucharistic Prayer 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.***

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ; you raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

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

Holy, Holy S128

Mathias

Blue 1982 Hymnal

***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.

During the Great Fifty Days of the Easter season it is customary to remain standing for prayer.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before his suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction Anthem S155

Near

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Ministration of Communion

Every person who is searching for God and joins with us in worship is welcome to share in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 343 “Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Easter Blessing

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.***

Closing Hymn 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

Please join us for a Healing Service directly after our Worship. If you do not want to participate, please exit the building during the Postlude, so as not disrupt the Healing Service.

Postlude

“Suite Médiévale: Prélude”

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Matthew Cashen *Usher:* Amanda Cashen

Greeter: Marti Robards

Chalice: Greg Diekemper *Livestream:* Ben Cashen

Crucifer: Scott Thompson

Altar Guild: Tom Bradley *Godly Play:* Jeffery

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

April 28th

Baptism of Corinne Elizabeth Roche

May 5th

Rite 13 service for Lucy Danieley

May 12th

Kairos Sunday “Hymn Sing”

May 19th

Pentecost Sunday with the Gospel read in several languages

May 26th

Trinity Sunday and Healing Service

Hearts and Hands and Voices -- The Return!

If we were to reboot the Hearts and Hands and Voices festival event to be held in mid-September, does anyone:

Have any info, knowledge, or suggestions based on the previous events?

Know any artists whom we could invite to sell their work?

Know any musician who would be willing to perform? Ideas regarding compensation for musicians?

Know anyone in storytelling, skits, or other performances? (Could our performers do another skit?)

Know a local vendor who might want to sell and promote their wares?

Contact Sandra Olmsted at 314-503-0547 or sandraolmstedphd@gmail.com.

HYMN SING



On Sunday May 12th our Kairos Program will be a Hymn Sing at 9:45am. Tell us Your Favorite Hymns! Forms are an insert or are available at the back of church. Put your completed form in the basket at the back of the church. Not all submissions will be able to be used, but hymns not selected for the Hymn Sing will be held for future use. You may also email Melissa at the office with your favorite hymns at parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org. Submissions must be made by May 1st.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER



REGISTER TODAY FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER - All St. Markans (from the youngest to the oldest) are invited to participate in this global feeding ministry at 1:30 PM on Sunday April 28th at Emmanuel. REGISTER at this link:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/emmanuelepiscopal2024>

RISE AGAINST HUNGER has a goal to end hunger with a three-fold approach by (1) empowering communities by teaching improvements in agricultural production, (2) nourishing lives by providing packaged rice and soy meals enhanced with 20 vitamins and minerals, and (3) responding to emergencies caused by natural disasters and conflict zones. We can help by partnering with Emmanuel to package 20,000 meals at a cost of less than 50 cents per meal. At its February 2024 meeting, the Vestry voted to approve spending \$750 from our Outreach Fund to support the April 28th Rise Against Hunger food packaging event. This is approximately 7.5% of the cost of the food products that will be packaged that day. If you would like to provide additional financial support, you can send a check made payable to St. Mark's with Rise Against Hunger in the memo line.

If you have any questions or difficulty registering, please contact Deacon Jerre.

Little Library Donations



Our Little Library has been a great success. To that end, we are asking for more donations for more Children's books to refill the library. If you have some children/young-adult books that you would like to donate, please leave them in the Parish Hall donation bucket.

Intentionally left blank for you to fill out your Hymn Sing

We Pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Michael, Teresa, and Jerre our Deacon, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Diocesan Creation Care Ministry; our Missioner, Kevin; and all those working to protect and sustain our earth home;

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We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner, Isaiah 58 Ministries, and our outreach partner, Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially the Albrecht family, the Anderson family, Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Cherie Blumenkamp, Evy Borowiak and her parents Kurt and Amy, Bruce Bramoweth & family, Steve Chamberlin, Alicia Crowe, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Kayla Deguire, Donna Duffy, The Rev. Michael Dunnington and his wife Leslie, Candace Farmer, Jeanne Gardener, Sue and Ty Garrett, Anne Hennig, Rob Heritage, Sherry Hicks and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Margaret and Sandy Hvatum and their family, Tor Hvatum, Doug Jeffery, Jodi Keuney, Guy Medley, Tim Miller, Donna Musgrave, David and Dana Nash, Francis Nuener, Nina Olmsted, Betty Orlando, Scott Schmidt, Joan Schneider, Becky Schroeder, Cheryl Schulz, Blair Schrautemeier, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Jeanette Swallow, Bonnie Tesson, Scott Thomas, Mary Totten, Kevin and Kathy Tracy, Ann Vannier, Marilyn Wiethop, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Leo, Jim.

We give thanks on his birthday with Tom Simon and on their anniversary with Doug and Ellen Jeffery.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Logan Smith.

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