

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 25, 2021 ~ 9:00 am and 11:00 am



WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion.

Thank you for helping us help you stay safe by following the guidelines on the back of this bulletin.

We are so glad you could be with us this morning and hope you will join us again.

The Worship Bulletin Artwork is by Carol Frappier. See bulletin page 6 for details.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 April 25, 2021 ~ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The Greeting

(BCP Page 355)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Processional: The Church Is One Foundation

(Hymn #525)



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|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| 1. The Church's | one foun - da - tion | is | Je - sus Christ | her Lord; | she |
| 2. E - lect | from ev - ery na - tion, | yet | one o'er all | the earth, | her |
| 3. Though | with a scorn - ful won - der | men | see her sore | op - pressed, | by |
| 4. Mid | toil and tri - bu - la - tion, | and | tu - mult of | her war | she |
| 5. Yet | she on earth | hath un - ion | with | God, the Three | in One, |



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|---------------|---------------------------|------|--------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1. is | his new cre - a - tion | by | wa - ter and | the word: | from |
| 2. char - ter | of sal - va - tion, | one | Lord, one | faith, one | birth; |
| 3. schi - sms | rent a - sun - der, | by | her e - sies | dis - tressed; | yet |
| 4. waits | the con - sum - ma - tion | of | peace for | ev - er - more; | till |
| 5. mys - tic | sweet com - mun - ion | with | those whose | rest is | won. O |



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|-------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|---------|
| 1. heaven | he came and | sought | her to | be his ho - ly | bride; | with |
| 2. ho - ly | Name she | bless - es, | par - takes | one ho - ly | food, | and |
| 3. saints | their watch | are keep - ing, | their cry | goes up, | "How long?" | and |
| 4. with | the vi - sion | glo - rious | her long - ing | eyes are | blessed, | and |
| 5. hap - py | ones and | ho - ly! | Lord, | give us | grace that | we like |



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|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| 1. his own | blood he | bought | her, and | for her | life he | died. |
| 2. to one | hope she | press - es, | with | ev - ery | grace en - | dued. |
| 3. soon | the night | of weep - ing | shall | be the | morn of | song. |
| 4. the great | Church vic - to - rious | shall | be the | Church | at rest. | |
| 5. them, | the meek | and low - ly, | on | high | may dwell | with thee. |

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says

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.*

Glory To God ~ S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord
God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. re - ceive our
prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day: Fourth Sunday of Easter

(BCP Page 225)

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 LESSONS *(You may be seated)*

THE FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

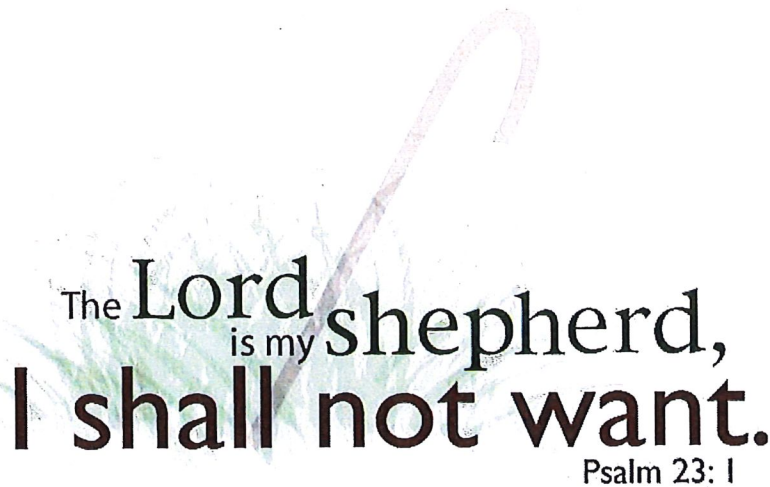
The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with 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."

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



The Lord
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
Psalm 23: 1

PSALM 23

(BCP Pages 612-613)

Read in unison.

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

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 READING: I 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.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth

(Hymn #603)



1. When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his arms stretched
 2. Still east and west his love ex - tends and al - ways,
 3. Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di - vide us
 4. Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may I in



1. out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture, ev - ery
 2. near or far, he calls and claims us as his
 3. to our shame, he sees not la - bels but a
 4. Christ be free to wel - come and ac - cept his



1. birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 2. friends and loves us as we are.
 3. face, a per - son, and a name.
 4. own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Christ is Risen!
 HE is Risen Indeed

Throughout the season of Easter, the beautiful artwork of Carol Frappier will grace the cover of our Sunday Worship Bulletins.

This week is The Fourth Station:
"Risen Lord Appears on the Road to Emmaus"

The Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

The congregation stands as are able.

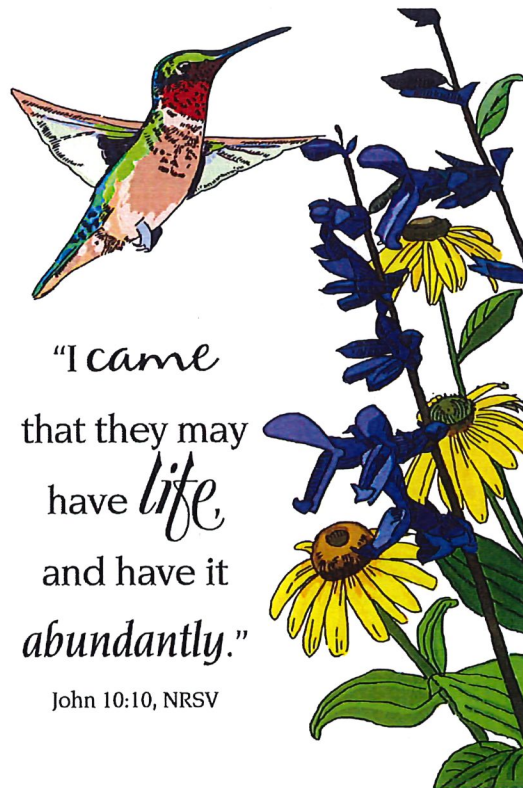
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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 be to you, O Christ.*



*"I came
that they may
have life
and have it
abundantly."*

John 10:10, NRSV



All stand as are able.

NICENE
CREED

(BCP Page 358)

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ Form III

(BCP Pages 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively (You may sit or kneel as are able)

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 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

The Collect at the Prayers

(BCP Page 395)

The Celebrant says

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.*

Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 360)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 says

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

(BCP Page 360)

All stand as are able.

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

The Celebrant and People will greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated as the Altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Offertory Anthem: Sing to Our Father

(Hymn C-170)

Doxology

Praise to God

(Hymn #380)

Please stand as are able

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D (People remain standing.) (BCP Pages 372-376)

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.*

The Celebrant says

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

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

Please sit or kneel as you are able.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ, Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Peter and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

(C-114)

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 337)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ Choir

HYMN: Bless the Holy Name of Jesus

(Hymn #C-189)

HYMN: We See the Lord

(Hymn #C-147-148)

HYMN: Son of God

(Hymn #C-201)

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

The Celebrant says

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.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

A Blessing for Easter

(The Book of Occasional Services, Page 26)

The Celebrant says

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

Recessional: Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

(Hymn #708)



1. Sa - vior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy ten - der care;
2. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us learn thy will;



1. in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us; for our use thy folds pre - pare.
2. do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior, with thy love our bos - oms fill.



1. Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

The Dismissal

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

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thank you to all who helped and participated
in our services this morning.*



Lay Readers:

9:00 am ~ Norma & Lee Williams

11:00 am ~ Carol Frappier

Vestry Person of the Day: Steve Clarkson

Greeters:

9:00 am ~ Steve Clarkson

11:00 am ~ Barbara Appling

Director of Music Ministry: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

The Ladies of the Altar Guild

St. Peter's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines are still in place!

PLEASE

Wear a mask
Stay 6 feet apart
Sanitize hands and
Use common sense



We invite one and all to join Father Jim as he leads us on a
Journey in Faith

This 8-week class is for you if:

You're new to the church and would like to learn about the Episcopal faith.

You're a member of the church and would like to renew and deepen your faith and knowledge.

The class will meet on Thursday mornings at 10:30am. If you have missed a class, you are welcome to the next on the 29th! Social Distancing protocols are in place.

Please let us know your interest in attending, although reservations are NOT required.

If this time is not convenient for you, we would like to know as the formation of another class is a possibility.

Using "An Outline of the Faith" from The Book of Common Prayer, let's learn from one another.

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

The Stations
of
The Resurrection

This Faith Formation Study is continuing Monday, April 26th at 5:00 pm in person at St. Peter's or by ZOOM.

We will be celebrating & studying the life & ministry of Jesus after the Resurrection. This new Study Group will be led by Carol Frappier and Ruth Douglas.

If interested, please contact the church office and let us know so we can make sure you receive the information needed!



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God in loving memory of

Joe Leonard

by his wife

JoAnn Leonard



Happy Birthday to
Don Hanks & Jean Van Eenenaam on the 25th;
Laurie Williams & Rita Martinez on the 26th;
Mike Medley on the 27th; and
Ivan Olenick & Charlie Goolsbee on the 30th.



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