

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Eight O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, April 30, 2023

THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



THE ENTRANCE RITE

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.**

FOR THE GLORIA: PASCHA NOSTRUM (*in unison*)

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,

neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *

death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *

but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, *

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy spirit.** Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The People are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

RESPONSORY: Psalm 23 (*In unison*)

*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.

THE SECOND LESSON: A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

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

The People stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Gospeler: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, "All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

People: Alleluia!

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Iesus 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.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The People are seated.

SERMON

The Rev'd Gary K. Sturni, D.Min.

After the sermon, the People stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Deacon: Let us offer our prayer for the church and for the world, saying Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the Church and for all Christian leaders: that they may be true shepherds to their flocks, supporting the weak, guiding the wayward, and encouraging the steady. For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Laura and Jeffrey our Bishops. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who hold positions of public trust and leadership, for the leaders of the nations, that they themselves may be led by God's Spirit to make wise decisions and help create a humane and caring world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

On the civic calendar, we pray today especially for all who teach and are on the staffs of public and private schools, *especially* that they may have patience, diligence and creativity for the tasks of shaping of young minds and hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For every member of our congregation, that we may be shepherds for each other, and carry the Gospel to the far corners of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the lost, for those not knowing where to find the Bread of Life, for those who search for Living Water; for those who wander in loneliness without a Shepherd, that they may hear the voice of Jesus, and follow him in faith and trust. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those orphaned through loss of parents through violence, sickness and death, especially children at risk in Africa and in all the disadvantaged nations of the world, and in our own country. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For (*other intercessions and thanksgivings may be added here*) Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are suffering in mind and body, and find themselves in the valley of despair. We remember especially May they remember that Jesus lives with them at the heart of their darkness and their sufferings. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all those who have died, that they may enjoy eternal life in the glory of God's kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer. *Concluding Collect.*

Celebrant:

O God, our companion on the way, you walk behind, beside, beyond; you catch us unaware. Break through the disillusionment and despair clouding our vision, that, with wide-eyed wonder, we may find our way and journey on as messengers of your good news. AMEN.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

PRAYER AT THE OFFERTORY (*Celebrant*)

Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise. As we are fed with the bread of heaven, may we know the glory of your resurrection; through Christ our risen Lord. AMEN.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

IT IS right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And now we give you thanks because through him you have given us eternal life, and delivered us from the bondage of sin and the fear of death into the glorious liberty of the Children of God. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he ✠ that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my ✠ Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my ✠ Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with

thy Word ✠ and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed ✠ Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness and mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace ✠ and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

***O*ur 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a memorial of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross.

The People say in unison:

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 died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(In unison)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT *(Celebrant)*

THE PASCHAL BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy spirit.**

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.

Sub Deacon: He is not here. He is risen. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thank you to our Sunday Ministers.

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rite I, 8am
Altar Guild: G. Morrow
Usher: S. Gagnon
Eucharistic Minister: D. Sykes
Reader: D. Sykes
Prayers of the People: S. Gagnon
Videographer: J. Morrow

Rite II, 10am
Altar Guild - John Doiron
Usher - Art Engler
Eucharistic Minister - Laurie Gypson
Reader & Intercessor - Mark Healey
Videographer - Madison Day
Coffee Hour - Madison Day

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