

St John's Episcopal Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10am

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As we worship today, you are invited to pray aloud with us, or join silently; to sing along or enjoy listening. Welcome - we are grateful for your presence!

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Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 645, sts 1, 2, 5, and 6 The King of love my shepherd is *St. Columba*
Sung by all, standing.

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
 Whose goodness faileth never:
 I nothing lack if I am His
 And He is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
 My ransomed soul He leadeth,
 And where the verdant pastures grow,
 With food celestial feedeth.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 Thy unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever.

—Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Ps. 23

Easter Acclamation

Presider Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Presider and People

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.*

Song of Praise

Paschal Troparion

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

*All repeat refrain after the cantor/choir each time.**Congregation is invited to stomp their feet while singing the refrain!*

Choir Christ is risen from the dead (Alleluia, alleluia)

All

Choir Trampling down death by death. (Alleluia, alleluia)

All

Choir And those in the tomb are raised to new life. (Alleluia, alleluia)

All**Collect of the Day***Presider* God be with you.*People* And also with you.*Presider* 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.

First Reading**1 John 3:16-24***Please be seated.*

A reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

Psalm 23

Bobby McFerrin (b. 1950)

Sung by the choir.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark & dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me,
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil,
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness & kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life,
And I will live in her house,
Forever, forever & ever.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation**Shepherd's Alleluia**

John Karl Hirten

All repeat refrain after the choir each time.

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Verse: You are God, we praise and acclaim you.

You, O God, are eternal.

All creation worships you.

— *Refrain***Holy Gospel****John 10:11-18***Priest* 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**Sermon****The Rev. Heather Erickson***A moment of silent reflection follows the Sermon.*

The Creed sung by all, standing

1 I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor
2 I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and
3 I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing

of all things that be, Mak - er of the earth and
scorned and cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was
all the saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and

heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be -
bur - ied— True life there had tru - ly died. I be -
ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the

lieve in God's son, Je - sus, now for
lieve that on the third day Christ was
bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the

us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God's
break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
right - hand. He will come to judge and save.
last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words by Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

Music: *Domnach Trionoide*, Gaelic Melody

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Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always. Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. God, Giver of life: *Hear our prayer.*

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. God, Giver of life: *Hear our prayer.*

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. God, Giver of life: *Hear our prayer.*

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. God, Giver of life: *Hear our prayer.*

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. God, Giver of life: *Hear our prayer.*

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially..., receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, especially..., and we offer the prayers sent in by text... God, Giver of life: *Hear our prayer.*

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ, Giver of life. *Amen.*

Peace

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

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory & Collection

The ushers take a collection during the offertory anthem. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and ask for your generous support. Ways of giving to St. John's are listed on page 2 of the bulletin.

Offertory Savior, like a Shepherd, lead us William Bradley Roberts (b.1947)
Sung by the choir.

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

— Dorothy Ann Thrupp (1779-1847)

The Doxology

Gelobt sei Gott

The people stand to sing the Doxology while the collection is presented at the altar.

To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the
Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for
life in us be - gun. Al - le - lu -
ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, and then says

... And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus
Sung by all.

Norfolk Mass

John Karl Hirten

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Lord's Prayer

You are invited to raise your hands in prayer and blessing as we pray.
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

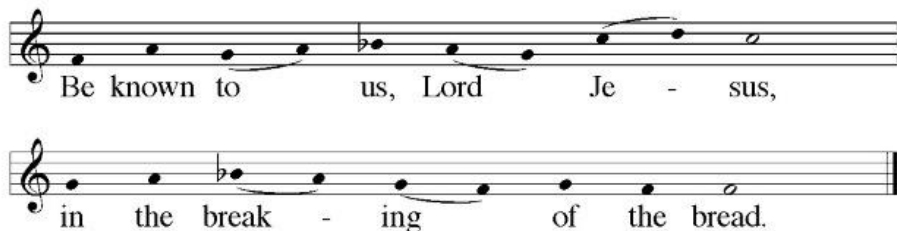
Presider and People

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Plainchant, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Please repeat refrain the first time after the cantor.



1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
—*Refrain*
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.
—*Refrain*

Presider Holy things for holy people.

Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you would like to receive the common cup, please help guide the chalice so you may drink from it. The practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is no longer permitted, in alignment with best health practices. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505 – 1585)

Sung by the choir.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the spirit of truth;

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Blessing

The presider offers God's blessing.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Occasions of Thanksgiving

All those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and occasions of thanksgiving are invited to come forward.

Today, tomorrow and always we rejoice in the hands of God.

May God's powerful hands support you.

May God's guiding hands lead you.

May God's loving hands enfold you.

We rejoice in the hands of God. Amen.

Hymn 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and corner-stone
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving kindness, hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

— 7th C. Latin, tr. by John Mason Neale (1818-1866) alt.

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

**** Members of the congregation are always welcome to watch the organist play the postlude. Walk up the ramp behind the organ console. Parents with children are especially welcome, but please wait until the end to converse! ****

Join us for coffee and fellowship In our parish hall following the service. Coffee and refreshments on the house. Or, support our Youth Ministry at the Espresso Bar: Lattes or espresso drinks: \$3. Palio Coffee for sale, whole or ground, decaf or regular: \$15 per pound. All proceeds support our Youth Ministry.

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

SUNDAY

8am: Worship

9am: Family Worship (Held in the Parish Hall.)

10am:

Worship (in-person in the church & live stream)

Children's Sunday School & Morning Youth Group

MONDAY

7pm: Bible Study (Zoom). All are welcome.

TUESDAY

7:30am: Christian Meditation (in-person and online)

WEDNESDAY

2pm: Bible Study (in the Fireside Room). All are welcome.

2nd Tuesday

6pm: Dinner Church in the Parish Hall

2nd SATURDAYS of the Month (usually)

8am: Men's Group

SERVING TODAY

(Sunday Worship Prep)

Leslie Limpert	Altar Guild
Nancy Strauch	Altar Guild
Judy Valentine	Altar Guild
Beverly Wynn	Altar Guild
Anne Doyle	Communion Bread Baker
Liz Peer	Flower Angel

8:00 AM (Worship)

Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher
Leslie Limpert	Usher

9:00 AM (Family Worship)

Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
Maggie Doyle	Lay: Preacher

10:00 AM (Children's Sunday School)

Sandra Pathik	Children-Teacher
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10:00 AM (Worship)

Jim Ward	Clergy - Presider
Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher
Skip Fotch	Clergy - Assisting
Chip Gow	EM
Connie Granger	EM
Anne Doyl	Lector
Ralph Peer	A/V - Audio
<i>open</i>	A/V - Video
Becky Hlebasko	Usher
Doug Van Gessel	Usher

Chancel Choir

Kathleen Auld, Betsy Bennett-Smith,* Cynthia Captain, Kari Chao, Danielle Colborn Wright, Kelli Fleitas, Roy Gale, Sepp Hammer,* Ariana Hiscott, Shari Kinney, Eleanor Prugh, Helen Sandeman, Jessica House Steward,* Lee Steward,* Sue Talmage, Paul Thompson,* Cheryl Ziedrich (*section leader)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education with John Falcone: April 21 & 28 Resurrection Economics . . . Thinking about the Economy as if New Ways Really Were Possible “This course is helping me read the news more intelligently.” “Very very interesting... I learned many new things!” Join us in person in the Fireside Room on Sundays from 11:30am to 12:50pm (or catch up by reading course materials online.)

Upcoming topics:

- Session 2 April 21: “Theology, Scripture, and the Commons.”
- Session 3 April 28: “Scripture, politics, and debt forgiveness.”

Dinner Church: May 14 Join us Tuesday, May 14, 6-8pm to celebrate a decade of Dinner Church at St. John’s! (That’s a lotta convo and cooking!) Special guest appearance by the Rev. Steve Hassett, who co-founded Dinner Church with parishioner Marjorie Sun. This also will be the third and final session on the theme, “Got Time?” More details to come soon. Join us for festivities, to eat, share, and build your faith and community. Suggested donation: \$10 per person to cover groceries. RSVPs requested.

Men's Group Retreat: Registration Open The Men’s Group will hold its annual retreat Thursday afternoon May 30 thru Saturday June 1 at St. Dorothy’s Rest, the Episcopal retreat center deep in the Redwoods near Occidental, California. Enjoy good discussion, good food, and good fellowship. More info to come. Email group leaders Paul Clark or Keith Granger for details.

Annual Fund '24 - Spiritual is Tangible - We have received 90% of our 1mm goal in pledges and gifts from 252 households. If you have not made your pledge/gift, please join us by giving online or making a commitment. Thank you for your generous support!

Wednesday Bible Study Please join us for an ongoing in-person bible study led by parishioner Ethan Dettmer on Wednesday afternoons in the Fireside Room at 2pm. All are invited - no experience or preparation necessary. For more information, contact Rev. Heather.

An exploration of Mary Magdalene and the Divine Feminine Last spring a group of us read and discussed Meggan Watterson's Mary Magdalene Revealed. This spring we are going to explore Cynthia Bourgeault's The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity. Our gatherings will be once a week in the evening on Zoom. Stay tuned for more details. Please contact Rev. Heather for more information.

Children’s Sunday School @10AM. We will have our Sunday School class in the Fireside Room. After the class we join parents for holy communion in the church.

Sunday Morning Youth Group We meet at the 10 am service – 6th-12th grade in the Youth Room. Join us for doughnuts and good chats!

Evening Youth Group Dinner Volunteers We need volunteers to provide dinner for Evening Youth Group as we enter Spring 2024 of our program year. Sign up here. Your help is always appreciated!

Music Notes Robert Keith McFerrin, Jr. is well known for his unique vocal techniques and his ability to bridge multiple genres with his creative talents and background. The son of musicians, his father was the first black man to sing at the Metropolitan Opera, and his mother was a voice teacher. His setting of Psalm 23 is of note not so much musically, as it is written in the style of Anglican chant, but for the text, which is his paraphrase of the psalm using the feminine pronoun for God. It is dedicated to his mother.

The composer of our Offertory anthem, William Bradley Roberts, is Professor Emeritus of Church Music at Virginia Theological Seminary (Episcopal), Alexandria. Previously he was Director of Music at St. John's, Lafayette Square, in Washington, D.C., "the Church of the Presidents." He has held similar positions in Tucson, Ariz., Newport Beach, Calif., Louisville, Ky. and Houston, Tex. While in Southern California, Roberts sang with the Los Angeles Master Chorale. Active in the work of the national Episcopal Church, he has served as Chair of the Standing Commission on Church Music, and Chair of the Leadership Program for Musicians (LPM) for which he authored the curriculum *Voice Training for Choirs*.

The situation regarding music at the time of the Anglican Reformation is best reflected in the life and work of Thomas Tallis. He served in the Chapel Royal for some 40 years, composing under four Monarchs with widely differing religious practices. Although much of his sacred music was written in Latin, Tallis was among the first to set English words to music for the rites of the Church of England. Stylistically, he bridges older musical forms with newer ones at the time. During the reign of King Edward VI (1547-1553) it was mandated that the services be sung in English, and that the choral music be brief and succinct "to each syllable a plain and distinct note." If Ye Love Me is mainly homophonic (where all the voices sing in the same rhythm and all together, with occasional forays into polyphonic texture).

The text "Christ is made the sure foundation" is a translation of an ancient Latin hymn (*Urbs beata*) by the scholar and hymn-writer John Mason Neale first published in 1851, though it has been altered in successive publications. The music is by the great English composer Henry Purcell (1659-1695) and is from the last part of a verse anthem called "O God, thou are my God," and is a setting of the word "Hallelujah." The "marriage" of the current text and tune was introduced to Americans through the broadcast of the wedding of Princess Margaret to Lord Snowden in 1960.

PRAYER LIST

Members

Ted Anspacher
Sue Talmage
Rick Alo
Jerry Daly
Travis Wright
Otis Aley
Elliot Fink
Marcia Summers
Signe Lando
Bill See
The Rev. Jan West
JT Sweet
Carolyn Reid-Sale
Carol Hughes
Katie Hoertkorn

Friends & Family

Steve Irwin	(former parishioner)
Gorence Family	(friends of Kelli Fleitas)
Joanne Aguilar-Millan	(sister of Martin Coyne)
Ruth Lewis	(mother of Nancy Alvarez)
Don Mason	(Father of Donalyn Hellar)
Adam Nicolopoulos	(Friend of Rankin-Williams)
Hisham Awartani	(grandson of Marian Price)
Emily	(friend of Melinda Booth & Bill Richardson)
Colin Sanders	(Cousin of Helen Sandeman)
Tanya Jaspering	(daughter of Rev. Jan Heglund)
Marcy Heller	(sister of Sally Rankin)
Marie-Reine Saber Abou Jaoudé	(friend of Maya Farhoud)
Gigi Short	(sister of Judy Gibson)
Jay Warner	(brother-in-law of Eleanor Prugh)
Elizabeth Bohannon	(friend of Lyn Klein)
Peter Hoyt	(Holly Posner's father)
Ted Brown	(brother of Libby Brown)
Dilys Hoyt	(mother of Holly Posner)

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Vision St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

Our Mission We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel
Responding to the needs of our communities
While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

Bishop of California	The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus
Rector	The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams
Associate Priest	The Rev. Heather Erickson
Assisting Priests	The Rev. Skip Fotch, the Rev. Jan West, and the Rev. James Ward
Bookkeeper	Henry Auriti
Dir. of Children's Ministry	Sandra Pathik
Dir. of Stewardship	Lee Steward
Choir section leaders	Betsy Bennett-Smith, Sepp Hammer, Lee Steward, Jessica House Steward, Paul Thompson
Church Administrator	Virginia Kosydar
Music Director	John Karl Hirten
Youth Minister	Maggie Doyle
Treasurer	Susan Aley
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