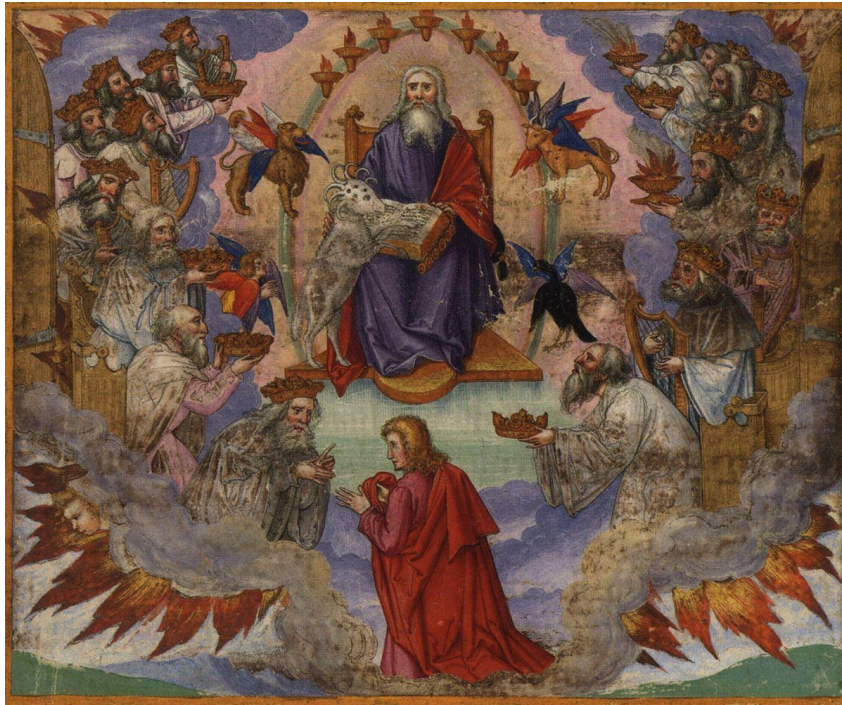


Welcome to St. John's Church



The Fourth Sunday In Easter

May 8, 2022

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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The people standing, the Celebrant may say

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

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.***

The Gloria in Excelsis (#S 280)

- 1*** ***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.***
- 2*** ***Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***
- 3*** ***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,***
- 4*** ***you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;***
- 5*** ***you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.***
- 6*** ***For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,***
- 7*** ***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

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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 Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter is summoned to Joppa and raises up a disciple named Tabitha from the dead.

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (9:36-43)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain*



The Lord is my shep - herd; I shall not be in want.

- 1 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.

INTRODUCTION: In this New Testament reading, St. John the Divine presents a heavenly vision of those who have survived the great tribulation and now worship before the throne of God and the Lamb.

A Reading from the Revelation to St. John the Divine (7:9-17)

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn # 645 *The King Of Love My Shepherd Is*

1 *The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.*

2 *Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,*

with food celestial feedeth.

**3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**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 for ever.**

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

INTRODUCTION: Our Gospel this morning, Jesus speaks to those who are unable to come to believe in him and then tells of his sheep who belong to him forever.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. John the Evangelist (10:22-30)**

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;*

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

*He was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,*

*He 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,

and is seated at the right hand the Father.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Let us enter the heavenly courts of God, offering our prayers and thanksgiving as we respond, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

+ Good Shepherd, send us forth to bring your hope to the poor, the abused, those who have run away from home, people who suffer emotional deprivation, children who are abandoned, and all who seek your holy embrace; especially the people of the Ukraine, for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ God of all Comfort, tend the sick and suffering in our community, especially Tillie Page, Kathy Coe, Tom & MB Witt, and Jonathan Hall, that they may rise to sing your praises; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ Lamb of God, take away the sin of the world, that peace may prevail among all nations and peoples; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ Risen Lord, hold in your heart all who have died, and all who mourn the loss of loved ones in this midst of this pandemic, and remind us in our sadness that in Christ we are a new creation; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ Shepherd of our souls, strengthen Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Ian & Laura, our Bishops, and all who exercise authority in your Church, that together we may seek the renewal of Christian faith in our land; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ Bread of Life, nourish us with your Body and Blood, that we may follow you with increasing conviction, devotion, and self-sacrifice; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ Jesus, you send us forth to carry the Paschal flame; be with those who minister in your Name, and with all who seek to enlighten the world with your light; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

+ Lord of all thankfulness, instill in us a spirit of gratitude, joy, and generosity for the wondrous gifts you have bestowed upon us; for this we pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Keep us in your fold, Lord Jesus, as we pause our prayers, so that all may add their own petitions or thanksgivings, either aloud in our midst, or silently in our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the confession

Minister and People

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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and 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

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

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

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem *Worthy Is The Lamb* Henry Smart (1813-1879)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Celebrant faces the congregation and sings or says

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 God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

Sanctus

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.*

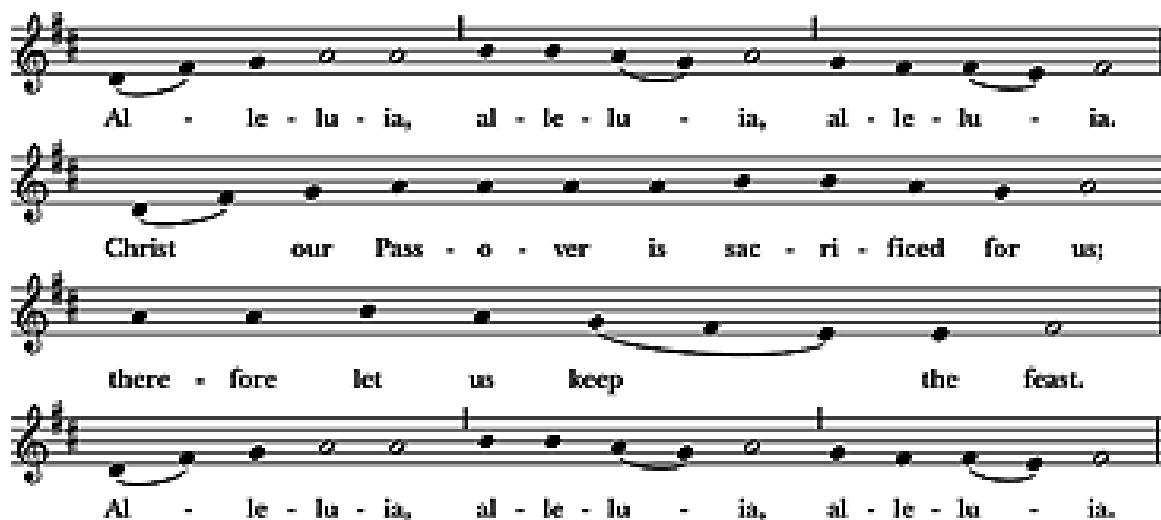
*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread S # 153

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei *Missa Tu Es Pastor Ovium* Giulio Belli (c. 1560 - c. 1620)

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours

Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. The Celebrant will intinct the wafer in the chalice and place the consecrated host in the open hands or upon the tongue of the communicant, as desired.

Communion Hymn # 328 *Draw Nigh And Take The Body Of The Lord*

- 1 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
and drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.*
- 2 Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.*
- 3 Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.*
- 4 Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.*
- 5 Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.*
- 6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
to all believers life eternal yields;*
- 7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.*
- 8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
all nations at the doom, is with us now.*

for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive, here is the Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we are not now receiving you physically, we ask you to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 # 625 *Ye Holy Angels Bright*

*1 Ye holy angels bright,
 who wait at God's right hand,
 or through the realms of light
 fly at your Lord's command,
 assist our song,
 for else the theme
 too high doth seem
 for mortal tongue.*

*2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,
 who ran this earthly race
 and now, from sin released,
 behold the Savior's face,
 God's praises sound,
 as in his sight
 with sweet delight
 ye do abound.*

*3 Ye saints, who toil below,
 adore your heavenly King,
 and onward as ye go
 some joyful anthem sing;
 take what he gives
 and praise him still,
 through good or ill,
 who ever lives!*

*4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
 triumph in God above:
 and with a well-tuned heart*

sing thou the songs of love!

*Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Organ Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Celebrant*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Laura Daly, *Chalicer*

John Magee, *8:00 Reader*

Rebecca Bent, *10:00 Reader*

Larry Littlefield, *Veejay (VJ)*

Ginny Reynolds, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

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