



*Christ the Good Shepherd, from the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia at Ravenna,
Italy, mosaic, ca. 440AD*

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024 — 9:00 am*

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II, Prayer C
April 21, 2024 — 9:00 A.M.

Prelude “*The Lord, The Lord Is My Shepherd*” Spiritual
“*The King Of Love My Shepherd Is*” arr. G. Young

Processional Hymn 174 “*At The Lamb’s High Feast We Sing*”

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant : Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant : 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 S-280 “*Glory to God in the highest*”

The Collect of the Day --

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

A Reading (Lesson) from 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: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

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.***

A Reading (Lesson) from 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: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn

LEVAS 144 “*Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow*”

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John 10:11-18

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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Rev. Don Caron, *Priest*

The Nicene Creed (*Sung to the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing 686 or Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 657*)

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan,
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.
Jesus infant born of Mary He grew up in Galilee.

From the water with John the Baptist, He began his ministry.
Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.,
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended. till as judge he comes again.
We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above;
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,. Christ our Savior,
Lord and friend. we shall rise with him in glory.
to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Presider: Gathered in the care of the good shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep, let us pray to God who knows our every need.

Leader: For the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For this holy assembly and for all who gather in the name of the risen Christ. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For all illumined by the light of Christ. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Don our Priest, Leslie our Deacon.and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

For the world and its leaders, especially Joseph, the President of the President of the United States, Phillip the Governor of New Jersey and our nation and its people.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all those in danger and need, the sick and the suffering especially *Ruth, Sharon, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Jane, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Ted, Alice*, the strayed and the lost.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For those who walk in death's dark valley, especially *The Rev. Deacon Peder Bloom* and *Margaret W. Stevens*.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Presider: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who soothes our head with oil and fills our cup with wine. Hear the prayers we offer for every need, and revive us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace (*All stand.*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Offertory Music *Favorite Hymns Selected By The Congregation*

The Doxology (*Hymnal 380 Verse 3*)

All: ***Praise God of whom all blessings flow***

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above the heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer C

The Great Thanksgiving

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy Holy, Holy Lord (*Hymnal S-130*)

*All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

(spoken)

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation

Communion Music *Hymns For Meditation*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn 708 “*Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us*”

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia

Organ Postlude “*Awake Thou Wintry Earth*”

J. S. Bach

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THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY are in memory of
The Rev. Deacon Peder Bloom (our former deacon),
by The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon, and in loving memory of my
mother, *Margaret W. Stevens*, on the anniversary of her passing
April 21, 2020, by Cheryl Stevens Caster & family

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit in memory of
Margaret W. Stevens by her daughter Cheryl Stevens Caster

Participating in the 9am. Service

Lector: Jeff Mack *Acolyte:* Jeff Mack, Shea Gulbin, Christian Gulbin

Ushers: Brad Smith, Mike Kinzler *Videographer:* Jerry & Susan Satkofsky

Altar Guild: Debbie Sigler, Susan Stevens, Mary Shea

Counters: Don Dietz, Bob Engle

MUSIC NOTES - Since today is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” as we are reminded that Christ is our Good Shepherd, the music during the distribution of Holy Communion will all be focusing on that theme.

MID-WEEK SERVICE A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God’s healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minuets, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day.

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP will continue, Thursday, April 25 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Parlor. Our study title is “FIRST LIGHT; JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD”. This is a study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg, two of the world’s leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. The title of the first session is “The Matrix of Jesus.”

MEN’S GROUP. We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am, and we will talk about the things that are important for a man’s spiritual life. It’s an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.

MEDITATION GROUP meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish House parlor. All are welcome- contact Mel Caron at melanieannecaron@gmail.com.

MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES - On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants beginning at 2:45.

FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY May 21st, Noon to 2pm Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship, all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend, Chair lift is available, No charge, but donations are welcome

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June 23

Date of Memorial _____

Flowers in Memory of _____

Given by _____

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The cost for Memorial Flowers is \$35.00 for each date.

Amount of check enclosed \$_____ made out to The Altar Guild.

Mail to: Christ Church Altar Guild
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Riverton, NJ 08077

Any questions please call the Parish Office at (856) 829-1634

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Burlington Convocation

Our regular spring Convocation Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 22, at 7pm. Fr. Ryan Paetzold has graciously volunteered to host us at Grace Church, Pemberton, and as this will be a hybrid meeting, you are welcome to join via Zoom. The Zoom information is below.

Our agenda includes a time to check in with each other and hopefully elect clergy representatives to the Board of Missions and the Nominating Committee.

Join Zoom Meeting

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