

April 25, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



St. David's Episcopal Church
...reaching out to warmly welcome all.

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The Holy Eucharist

Announcements

Opening Hymn #708

“Savior, like a shepherd lead us”

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

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

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

The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 Children depart for Children's Church. Any who wish to remain in the service are welcome to do so.)

The Epistle

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.

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

Sequence Song:

"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"

Becker & K. Getty

(VERSE 1)

Jesus, draw me ever nearer
As I labour through the storm.
You have called me to this passage
And I'll follow though I'm worn.

(CHORUS)

May this journey be a blessing,
May I rise on wings of faith
And at the end of my heart's testing
With Your likeness let me wake.

(VERSE 2)

Jesus, guide me through the tempest,
Keep my spirit staid and sure.

When the midnight meets the morning
Let me love You even more.

(CHORUS)

(VERSE 3)

Let the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go
And at the end of this long passage,
Let me leave them at Your throne.

(CHORUS)

The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

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

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayers of the People, Form III

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 to 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.

Prayer List

We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially for... Any affected, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19, Sam, Sally, Barb, Mark, Julie, Harper, & Trent, Allison, Sherry, Ernie, Eileen, Judy, Nancy, Don, Lindsey, Kelly, Jason, Joan, all those who serve in the armed forces of the United States, for all who fight in the conflicts of the world and for the day when war will finally cease. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for All Saints Episcopal Church in Brighton Heights. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church in Japan. We also pray for our fellow Christians of Peters Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church and those of The ACNA Parish of Christ the Redeemer South Hills.

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory:

“As the Deer”

Nystrom

(VERSE 1)

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.

(CHORUS)

(CHORUS)

You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone will my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

(VERSE 3)

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye.

(CHORUS)

(VERSE 2)

You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though You are a King.

Presentation hymn: The Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

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.*

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might.
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

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 David and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; 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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

(For Communion, you may come forward to receive and take a wine cup to the side of the altar, where you may remove your mask and consume. Place cups in the bin. Gluten-free available.)

Communion Song:

“Amazed”

(VERSE 1)

You dance over me, while I am unaware.
You sing all around but I never hear the sound.

(CHORUS)

Lord, I’m amazed by You (3X)
How You love me.

(VERSE 2)

You paint the morning sky with miracles in mind.
My hope will always stand, you hold me in Your hand.

(CHORUS)

(BRIDGE)

How wide, how deep, how great is Your love for me
(2X)

(CHORUS)

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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 Blessing

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements

Communion will be available after worship from 11-11:30am. Rev. Kris will be available to distribute communion under the portico for any who joined for worship virtually and wish to receive. If you are running late and want to come, please text Fr. Kris and let him know you're on your way (412-780-6212).

Spring Cleanup: Volunteers needed! We're planning a weekend to get together and clean up around the grounds of the church. If you're willing and able to help with some weeding and general cleanup, please email Melissa in the office (stdavidspeterstp@gmail.com). Right now it's tentatively planned for the first weekend in May (May 1st/2nd). Any and all help is needed and appreciated!

Mother's Day Outdoor Service - The 10am service on May 9th (Mothers Day) will be an outdoors (weather permitting).

Possible Closure: There will be a possible closure of the building May 17-24 while we address some building issues. It is likely worship will be all virtual on May 23rd.

Tech Support Needed: We're looking for a few folks to help with the "tech" side of worship on Sundays. Please email/talk to Kris or Melissa if interested or with questions.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be the first week of August (Aug 3-6). We will absolutely need volunteers so if that date works for your family, please reach out to Caylin Charrie (caylinroach@yahoo.com or 724-777-4791).