

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass

April 25, 2021

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**  
Flossmoor, Illinois

# The Holy Eucharist

## Rite Two

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### Prelude

#### Hymn in Procession

*The King of Love my Shepherd is*

*(Hymn No. 645)*

#### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Presider* 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

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

*Presider* The Lord 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.*

## The First Lesson

*Acts 4:5-12*

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

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

*1 John 3:16-24*

*Lector* A reading from First Letter of John.

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?



through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop-Elect; Jeremy, Michael, and Rachael, our Parish Clergy; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* I ask your prayers for the departed;  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays this week; remembering especially Shirley Reilly, Bob de Oliveira, and John O'Brien

*Silence*

*Intercessor* I ask your prayers for those celebrating anniversaries this week; remembering especially Theresa & Sam Otoo

*Silence*

*Intercessor* I ask your prayers for on our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Jean Hilliard, Debbi Huggett, John Huntoon, and Zoe Huntoon

*Silence*

*Intercessor* Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*The Presider may add a concluding collect.*

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Let us exchange a sign of God's abiding peace.*

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

### **The Gathering of Our Offerings**

*Offering our gifts to God is an act of worship, just as offering our prayers, singing our praises, and confessing our beliefs are. By offering our monetary gifts, we are given the opportunity to respond with gratitude to the grace, love and mercy of God and to put our faith and trust in God into action.*

***In an effort to minimize contact, please note that the offering plate is stationary and located at the head of the aisle. You may place your offerings there before or after the service, or when you come forward for communion.***

**Offertory Anthem**

*In Every Age*

(Sullivan)

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*Assembly* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Presider 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:

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

*The Presider 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,

*Presider and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Presider continues*

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 the

Evangelist, Sts. Francis and Clare, 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,

*Presider and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A moment of silent reflection follows the breaking of the bread.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### **The Invitation**

*The Presider says the following invitation*

The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of fellowship with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who are searching for faith and you who feel lost; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here, so come, for all are welcome at this table.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### **Administration of Communion**

**Communion Music**

*Shepherd of my Heart*

(O'Brien)

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* 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 Easter Blessing

*Presider* 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.*

**Hymn in Recession**      *My shepherd will supply my need*      (Hymn No. 664)

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## Postlude

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