



SAINT JAMES
Episcopal Church

Sunday, April 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8am and 10am Holy Eucharist Services.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 | 8:00 am and 10:00 am

The Holy Eucharist

Opening Prayer

Processional.....Hymnal 518

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation.....BCP 355

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.....Hymnal S-280/BCP 356

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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: Also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

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.*

Please be seated

The Lessons

First Reading.....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

Our Psalm for today is Psalm 23. Let us read in unison beginning and ending with the refrain.

Refrain The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

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.

Second Reading.....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

Sequence Hymn (*please stand as able*).....**Hymnal 664**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel.....**John 10:11-18**

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

Sermon (please be seated)..... **Rev. Rob Iler**

The Nicene Creed.....BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Prayers of the People Form III.....BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

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; especially Michael, our presiding bishop, Glenda our bishop, Brian our assisting bishop, Rob our priest, and Judy our deacon.

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, including those on our parish prayer list.

Silence

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

- Sign up sheets for lay ministry volunteers for April and May are available in Stough Hall. Please sign up to volunteer where you are able.

Offertory

Offertory Response..... *“All Things Come of Thee O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.” Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer BBCP 361

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 him 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.

Sanctus.....Hymnal S129/BCP 362

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.

Celebrant: 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;

Celebrant: 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 St. James 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.*

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

Celebrant 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.*

The Breaking of the Bread.....BCP 364

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem.....Hymnal S155/BCP 364

Communion Hymn 1.....Hymnal 645

Communion Hymn 2.....Hymnal 344

Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 365

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.*

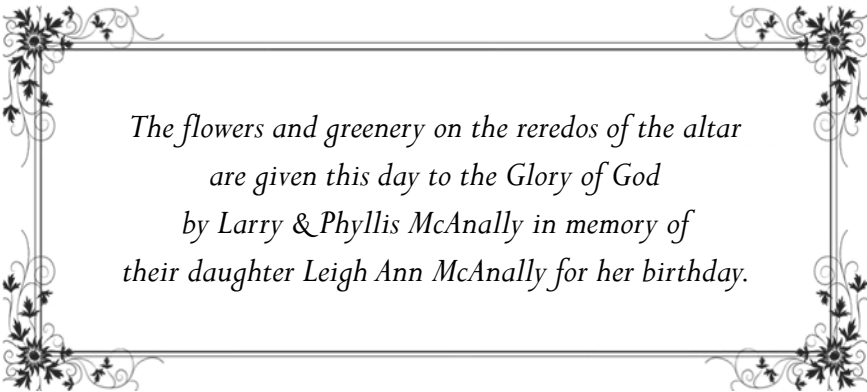
Blessing

Recessional.....Hymnal 708

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



*The flowers and greenery on the reredos of the altar
are given this day to the Glory of God
by Larry & Phyllis McAnally in memory of
their daughter Leigh Ann McAnally for her birthday.*

St. James Prayer Requests

The following parishioners, friends and extended family members are remembered in our prayers.

Our Parish Family

Jim Bent	Janice Boone	Alyce Carlisle
Florence Copeland	Faye Holliday	Susan Mange
Phyllis McAnally	Ann Regnier	Angie Smith
Jimbo Spencer	Sherwood Stewart	Judy Stone

Family and Friends

Ann Phillips Arrington		Leslie Avel
Ruth Barbee	Joe Beard	Nan Beard
Lauren Cessna	Tommy Chance	Johndra Culp
Jerry Dickson	Bob Dixon	Jane Fenwick
Joe Fenwick	Derek Fox	Katy Gaddis
Brenda Gainey	Vicki Galamore	Emiko Garner
Mary Garner	Joe Gassenheimer	Susan Hammock
Terry Holt	Carolyn Keese	Tom Lamberth
Buddy Looney	Dale Martin	Carolyn Nalls
Mary Frances Nelson	John Nichols	Jayne Ogilvie
Jim Peace	Joe Peel	Dana Poisal
Eric Reutebuch	Chris Sheheane	Carol Sims
Richard Smith	Mary Taylor	Ann Grey Tate
Honey Trowbridge	Dot Vines	Nina Ware
Ronnie Weathers	Rusty White	Cyndi Wilson
Annette Worthy	Dave Young	

Please keep all of our military personnel in your prayers. Please pray for the following active military personnel.

Drew Belcher	Alex Duld	Orrin Harbol
Seth Harbol	K.C. Hollon	Paul Krattiger
Ryan Sullivan	Bo Shippen Waldo	Andrew Walker

We give thanks for the following parishioners and family members celebrating birthdays this week.

Bee Worpell John Jung

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray Bridge Ministries (Birmingham), St. Anne's Home (Birmingham), and Welcome Center (Millbrook). We also pray for St. Mark's (Birmingham), St. Mark's (Boligee), St. Mark's (Prattville), and St. Catherine's (Chelsea).

Throughout the Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.

Prayer for the Parish Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Susan Mange, Treasurer

	8:00 am	10:00 am
Readers	Peter VanParys & Sarah Sanders	TBD
Intercessor	Sharon VanParys	TBD
Server	Joanna Roberson	Carol Gowan & Joe Smith
Oblations		TBD
Ushers		John Jung & Dick Chambliss
Coffee Hosts		Mark & Martha Tucker