

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*~ Good Shepherd Sunday*

April 21, 2024

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WELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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Sung Mass, 10:30 A.M.

Propers of Year B

Mass Setting: *Mass of the Quiet Hour*

George Oldroyd, 1928

*This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung by the choir.*

Voluntary: Prelude on *St. Columba*

Charles Villiers Stanford (d. 1924)

### The Asperges

*During the Easter Season, we begin each Sunday High Mass with the sprinkling of the congregants with Holy Water as a reminder of our Baptism.*

Vidi aquam (*choir*)

Mode VIII

I saw water proceeding out of the Temple, from the right side thereof, alleluia: and all, whithersoever the waters shall come, shall be healed, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. Alleluia.

*People:* And grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.

*Celebrant:* O Lord, hear my prayer.

*People:* And let my cry come unto thee.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy Angel from heaven to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who are assembled in this thy holy temple: through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

### The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Introit (*choir*) *Misericordia Domini*

Mode IV

(*Antiphon*) THE LOVING-KINDNESS OF THE LORD filleth the whole world, alleluia: by the word of the Lord were the heavens made, alleluia, alleluia. (*Psalm*) Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. [*Repeat antiphon.*]

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.



## in excelsis deo!

Gloria in excelsis (*choir*)

G. Oldroyd

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O GOD, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 4: 5-12 [*NRSV*]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

*Congregation's Response:* Thanks be to God.

*Antiphon: Cantor first, then all*

- 2 HE SHÄLL feed me in a | green pasture,  
\* *and lead me forth beside the wa- / ters öf comfort.*
- 3 He shall con- / vert my soul,  
\* *and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness / for his Name's sake.*
- 4 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear | no evil:  
\* *for thou art with me; thy rod and | thy stäff comfort ^ me.*
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them | that trouble ^ me;  
\* *thou hast anointed my head with oil and | my cüp shall be ^ full.*
- 6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life;  
\* *and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD för ever.*

*[All repeat antiphon.]*

The Epistle: I John 3: 16-24 [NRSV]

A reading from the First Letter of John.

**W**E 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.

Cantor: Al- le- lu- ia.

People: Al- le- lu- ia.

Choir: The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people.

People: Al- le- lu- ia.

Choir: I am the good Shepherd: and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

People: Al- le- lu- ia.



The Holy Gospel: St. John 10: 11-18 [RSV]

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People's response:* ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**I** am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it 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 again; this charge I have received from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Congregation's Response:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*Cantor* *All*

25 Cre - do in u - num De - - um. Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem,

26 fa - cto - rem coe - li et ter - rae, vi - si - bi - li - um o - - mni - um, et in - vi - si - bi - - li - um.

27 Et in u - num Do - mi - num Je - sum Chri - stum, Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge - ni - tum,

28 et ex Pa - tre na - - tum an - te o - mni - a sae - - cu - la.

29 De - um de De - o, lu - men de lu - mi - ne, De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro.

30 Ge - ni - tum, non fa - - ctum, con - sub - stan - ti - a - lem Pa - tri: per quem o - mni - a fa - cta sunt.

31 *p* Qui pro - pter nos ho - mi - nes, et pro - pter no - stram sa - lu - tem de - scen - dit de coe - lis, *pp*

32 Et in - car - na - tus est de Spi - ri - tu San - cto ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne: et ho - mo fa - ctus est.

33 *f* Cru - ci - fi - - xus e - ti - am pro no - bis sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la - to pas - sus et se - pul - - tus est.

35 Et re - sur - re - xit ter - ti - a di - e, se - cun - dum Scri - ptu - ras. Et a - scen - dit in coe - - lum:

se - det ad dex - te - ram Pa - - tris. Et i - te - rum ven - tu - rus est cum glo - ri - a

37  
 ju - di - ca - re vi - vos et mor - tu - os: cu - jus re - gni non e - rit fi - nis.

38 *mf*  
 Et in Spi - ri - tum San - ctum, Do - mi - num, et vi - vi - fi - can - tem:

39  
 qui ex Pa - tre. Fi - li - o - que pro - ce - dit. Qui cum Pa - tre et Fi - li - o

41  
 si - mul a - do - ra - tur, et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur: qui lo - cu - tus est per Pro - phe - tas.

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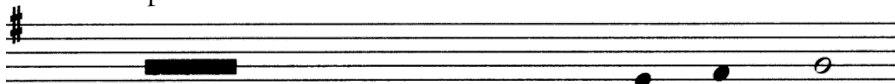
43  
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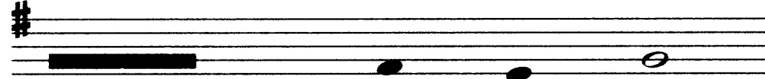
46 *ff*  
 A - - - - - men.







*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. *(Silence)*



Lord, in thy mer - cy *People* hear our prayer. *(Sung after every intercession)*

*Leader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [*especially N.*]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

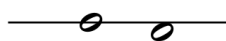
*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (*pause*); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant:* Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People*



*A-men.*

The Peace

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

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*



## The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant:* Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Deus, Deus meus*

Mode II

**O** GOD, thou art my God, eagerly I seek thee; and I will lift up my hands in thy Name, alleluia.



Motet (*choir*)

Edward Bairstow (d. 1946)

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living waters flow My ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

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.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And gently on his shoulder laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house for ever.

Presentation of the alms and oblations (*All stand.*)

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord,

*People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

*Celebrant:* Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*People:* May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi- rit.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God.

*People*  
It is meet and right so to do.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

**B**UT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life:

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



Sanctus and Benedictus (*choir*)

G. Oldroyd

**H**OLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts: heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender Mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People*

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A- men.

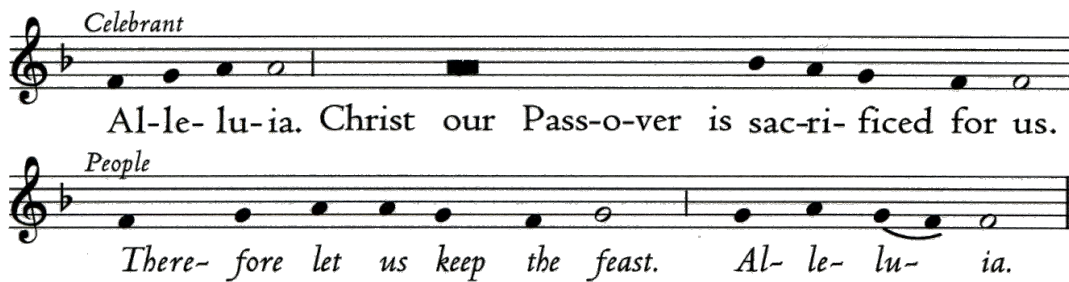
The Lord's Prayer

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



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,  
 thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.  
 Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,  
 as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to  
 temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
 and the power, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Fraction



*Celebrant*  
 Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us.  
*People*  
 There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.



Agnus Dei (*choir*)

G. Oldroyd

O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant:* 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.

*People:* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (*choir*) *Ego sum Pastor bonus*

Mode II

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, alleluia: and I know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (*said by those worshipping virtually*)

*IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.*

Hymn 343 (*sung by all*)

“Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

*St. Agnes*

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*People:* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

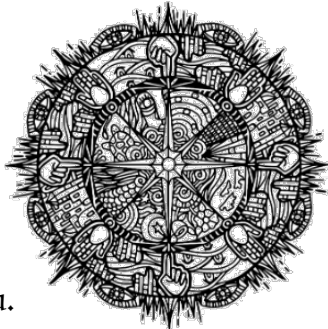
The Easter Blessing

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 amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The People respond:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



The Last Gospel

St. John I: I-I4

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

*People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*Here genuflect*) And the Word was made flesh, (*Here rise*) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**R**EGINA CÆLI laetare, alleluia; quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia, resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.

[O Queen of Heaven, be joyful, alleluia; for he whom so meetly thou barest, alleluia, hath arisen as he promised, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.]



### The Angelus

*Celebrant:* The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

*People:* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

*People:* Be it unto me according to thy word.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*(Here genuflect) Celebrant:* And the Word was made flesh.

*(Here rise) People:* And dwelt among us.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

*People:* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joyce and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

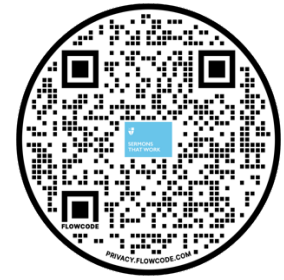
1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Voluntary: Meditation for organ: “O God of Love”

John Corigliano (b. 1938)  
 arr. Richard Dirkson





**April 21, 2024 – Easter 4 (B)**  
**Week 4: Reflections on the Resurrection**

*During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from some of the newest bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ’s rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.*

During Eastertide, we lift high the good news that God’s saving work in human history has been accomplished solely through the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. We proclaim that in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting our trespasses against us, and that salvation is not earned by any human effort at all but received by faith in the finished work of Christ.

But let’s be honest: Sometimes this all sounds too good to be true – a well-meaning sentiment, but not terribly helpful when confronted with day-to-day reality. In the face of darkness, despair and death, we need resurrection, not sentiment.

We know all too well that life is filled with suffering. Some of us feel paralyzing guilt and condemnation because of the sins we’ve committed. Some of us feel overwhelming shame because of the sins committed against us. Some of us feel despair because of the impulses and addictions that seem to have power over us. Some of us are shrouded in the darkness of depression. Some of us are suffocated by grief because death has taken a child, a spouse, a parent or a friend.

Rather than minimize darkness, despair and death, Jesus experiences it and comforts us in it right now. The one who stepped out of the grave on Easter morning has the last word. We’re comforted knowing that Jesus Christ, God himself, knows what it’s like to suffer, and that his Resurrection is a guarantee of our future resurrection to eternal life. Because Jesus conquered death, we know that darkness is not the end of the story or the last word on us. The risen Christ says the last word on us is “hope.”

The Bible teaches that our suffering is a place to experience God’s sustaining grace in our weakness (2 Cor. 1:8-9, 12:9-10). Grief, Scripture clearly says, is a natural response when we experience loss, but it can be tempered by the good news of Christ’s Resurrection. Because of his victory over death, all threats against us are tamed. He conquers all our enemies: Satan, sin, hell and the grave. The Resurrection not only readjusts our horizon, but it completely transforms our understanding of the future as well.

Where darkness, despair and death had reigned, Jesus breaks in with light, liberation and love. A picture of this comes from Robert Louis Stevenson, the author of “Treasure Island” who lived in Scotland in the 19th century. As a boy, he and his family lived on a hillside overlooking a small town. He was intrigued by the work of the old lamplighters, who went about with ladders and torches, lighting the streetlights for the night.

One evening, as Robert stood watching with fascination, his nurse asked him, “Robert, what in the world are you looking at out there?” With great excitement, he exclaimed, “Look at that man! He’s punching holes in the darkness!”

Jesus Christ, “the light of the world” (John 8:12), has entered our suffering to punch holes in the darkness and lead us into the dawn of his grace, love and eternal life. While it is true that in the midst of life, we are in death, what’s more true is that, because of the Resurrection, in the midst of death, we are in life.



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# GRACE NOTES

April 21 *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

## FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

**THE REV. ROWENA KEMP** welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss, and please contact her immediately, should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she should know about. [For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.]

## PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

***A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks. Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).***

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; and Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* **We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will;** for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; St. Mark's, New Britain; clergy whose work is not in parishes; multi-vocational priests; and clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses. *The Anglican Church of Australia.*
- *World & Community Concerns:* For peace throughout the world, especially between Iran, Israel, and Gaza, and in the Middle East; in Sudan; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- *Thanksgiving and Celebrations:* We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Lily Pryor (22 on Mon.), whose birthday we celebrate this week.
- *Sick or in need:* The Gwardyak Family; Mark; Jerry; Tom, Bonnie & the Burns Family; Megin; Patti; Steve; Walter & Claudia; Adrienne & Ken; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Monica; Antoinette; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, & Soraya; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Marcolina; Peter; Sr. Linda Giuli; Leonard; Joy; Anthony & Gail, Cori and the Mackey Family; Brad, Mary, & Leslie; Judy; Doug; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Nazra; Diane; Nina; Ellen and Jim; Lauren, Alexandra & Anna; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Victoria Adams, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Joseph Wei, Angel Rivera, Peggy Wilkins, Charles Fisher, and Lois Rezner.

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**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**Sunday, April 21 *The Fourth Sunday of Easter***

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Sung Mass (*also on Facebook Live*)

**Tuesday, April 23**

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

**Wednesday, April 24 *Feria***

9:30 a.m.: Low Mass (*also on Facebook Live*), followed by breakfast at Effie's

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

7:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 25 *SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST***

10:00 a.m.: "A Place of Grace" food pantry distribution

6:00 p.m.: EVENSONG BY HAVEN COMMUNITY

**Friday, April 26 *Feria***

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Office Hours

**Sunday, April 28 *The Fifth Sunday of Easter***

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Sung Mass (*also on Facebook Live*)



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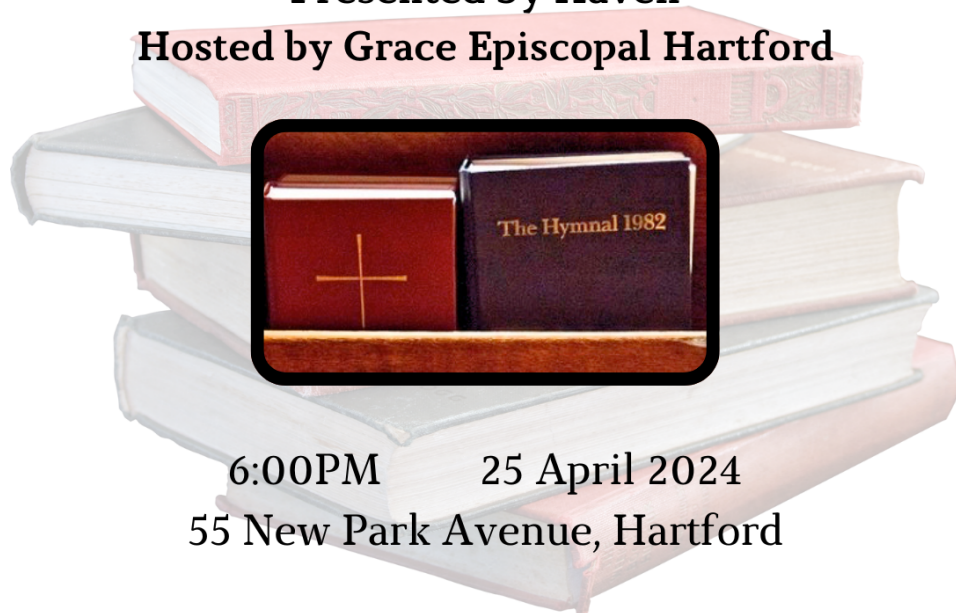
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