



**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love**

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*April 21, 2024 10am*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude** *Sheep may safely graze*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Arr. for organ, Homer Whitford (1892-1980)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn #518** *Christ is made the sure foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**Collect for Purity**

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**

*Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns*

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

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*Presider*            The Lord be with you  
*People*                **And also with you.**  
*Presider*            Let us pray.

## The First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

insert

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

## Psalm 23      *Dominus regit me*      *Tone VIII.1*



- 1 *The LORD* is my shépherd; \*  
I / shall not bé in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pástures \*  
and leads me be/side still wáters.
- 3 He revives my sóul \*  
and guides me along right pathways / for his Náme's sake.
- 4a Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of déath,  
I shall / fear no évil; \*
- 4b for you are wíth me;  
your rod and your / staff, they cómfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who tróuble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is / running óver.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of mý life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the / LORD for éver. [*Ant.*]

## The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

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

**Sequence Hymn #343** *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

ST. AGNES

*Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.  
Verse 3 and 4 will be sung after the reading.*

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

*insert*

*Presider*           The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*             **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the Gospel*

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

**The Sermon**

The Rector

**The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and Russia in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Rick, Lyn, Julie, John, Megan, Francie, and Gloria; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect*



*The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words*

...and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words*

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*Presider* 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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

## **Communion Anthem** *The God of love my shepherd is*

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.*

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand as able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*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.**

**The Easter Blessing**

**Closing Hymn #478** *Jesus, our mighty Lord*

MONK'S GATE

**The Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Postlude** *Voluntary in D*

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

*You are invited to remain seated in the Sanctuary for the Postlude  
or move immediately to the kitchen for refreshments.  
Please help maintain a quiet atmosphere in the sanctuary during the Postlude*

**Ministers Serving Today:**

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector  
Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director  
Michael Fenn, Seminarian  
Pia Bertelli, Deacon-in-Formation  
Louise Ambler Osborn, Vestry Person of the Day  
Louis Tompros and Eliot Larson, Readers  
Nancy Armstrong, Intercessor  
Cary Cox and Matt Hast, Ushers  
Catherine Womack, Altar Guild  
Alice Krapf and Steve Spinetto, Coffee Hour Hosts

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thursday at 11am**, we meet for lively conversation. Through Eastertide, we will be considering the upcoming week's Gospel reading. Please plan to join us! All are welcome.

**Online giving** which came to us in the early months of the pandemic, has proved to be helpful to a number of regular donors and clearly, is here to stay! We have now placed a QR code in the bulletin which can be used anytime to contribute online and support the mission of St. John's.

**In case you haven't heard** ... or read in this past week's *News and Notes*, we are now accepting donations to help fund the restoration of our beautiful organ's oboe rank. Those 56 pipes are unplayable after 90+ years of wear, tear and damage. The total cost of the work is \$13,337, of which half has been given. Just \$5600 is needed to cover the cost and enhance our worship experience for generations to come! If donating by check, please put "organ pipes" in the memo. If donating online, please note "organ pipes" on the form or send an email to the office describing your online gift designation.

**The scaffolding outside** is part of our continuing work to repair and restore some of our stained glass windows, to help preserve this beautiful sacred art for the future. Following work on this window, restoration will begin on the window of Saint John located in the balcony directly above the main door, following an order of priority established by our stained-glass artisan several years ago. We offer special thanks to Marion Wood's family, who are funding the restoration of the Saint John window in the balcony with a memorial gift in her memory.

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