



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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Sheep may safely graze*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #645 *The King of love my shepherd is*

ST. COLUMBA

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

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

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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 Peter 1:17-23

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

Sequence Hymn #343 *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

ST. AGNES

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

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

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 Rev. Edwin Johnson

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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 your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Bridget, Tony, Lyn, Megan, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Lin, David, Alicia, Mateo, Sam, Ellen and Joan.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector



During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithely.

Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.

Offertory Hymn #304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

LAND OF REST

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Sanctus *Hymnal S-125*

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 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.

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.

Communion Anthem *These are they which follow the lamb*

John Goss (1800-1880)

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 #495 *Hail, thou once despised Jesus*

IN BABILONE

The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Postlude *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn*

Bach

*The flowers on the altar this week were given and arranged by Alice Krapf
in loving memory of her sister Mary Ellen*

If you're new to St. John's, we welcome you. To stay in touch, please fill out one of the **Visitor Cards** available in your pew to share your contact information and/or to sign up for our weekly newsletter to stay in touch about what's going on in the church. We invite you to join us again tomorrow to share this special time in our church year.

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Officiant

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Matt Hast, Vestry Person of the Day

Nate Gunsch and Alice Krapf, Readers

Jen DiManno, Intercessor

Nate Gunsch, Chalice

Matt Hast and Joanne Graziano, Ushers

Catherine Womack, Altar Guild

Robin Moody, Cary Cox and Simon Ringrose, Coffee Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome the Rev. Edwin Johnson, Director of Organizing for Episcopal City Mission. Edwin has visited St. John's a number of times over the years and is here today to share information about the work ECM is doing to carry out Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors today, and how we can be involved in that work. Please join Edwin at coffee hour for conversation about ECM.

UTO mite boxes can be placed in the collection plate or delivered to the office this Sunday and next. Coins will be counted and deposited this week so a check for the offerings can be sent on to the United Thank Offering. If you forgot your mite box, please drop it off at the office by 10am Tuesday morning. Alternatively, you may write a check for the amount you collected and place that in the collection plate this morning. Please add "UTO" in the memo. Thank you to those who made this a part of their Lenten discipline.

The 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal kicks off today. Copies of Bp. Julia's appeal letter and donation envelopes can be found throughout the church and at coffee hour. Please consider supporting the growth of our shared ministry as we work together to "raise up faithful shepherds and vibrant congregations for generations to come."

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