

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to all who are here in person or watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here “to bear witness to God’s love and invite, encourage, and prepare God’s people to share that grace with others”. You will notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns. You are invited to participate however you wish.

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### Prelude

### The Word of God

#### Processional Hymn 304 (vs. 1&4)

**1** I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

**5** Together met, together bound,  
we’ll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we’ll live and speak his praise.

#### The Easter Acclamation

*Celebrant*      <sup>†</sup> Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People*      **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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#### The 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**

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#### The Gloria In Excelsis

**1** Glory to God in the  
highest, and peace to his  
people on earth.  
**2** Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you  
thanks, we praise you for your  
glory.

**3** Lord Jesus Christ, only Son  
of the Father, Lord God,  
Lamb of God,  
**4** you take away the sin of  
the world; have mercy on us;  
**5** you are seated at the right  
hand of the Father; receive  
our prayer.

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**6** For you alone are the Holy  
One, you alone are the Lord,  
**7** 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

*The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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 Lessons

*Please be seated.*

### The First Lesson

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."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

*Dominus regit me*

1 The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

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

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

4 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.

5 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.

6 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

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.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Sequence Hymn 664 (vs. 1&3)

1 My Shepherd will supply my need,  
Jehovah is his Name;  
in pastures fresh he makes me feed  
beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.

*My Shepherd will supply my need*

3 The sure provisions of my God  
attend me all my days;  
oh, may thy house be mine abode  
and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest,  
while others go and come;  
no more a stranger or a guest,  
but like a child at home.

## The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

*Priest*      <sup>†</sup> The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul McCabe

The Nicene Creed

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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

*Intercessor*

The Peace

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*Jesus said, Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you. During this time may you receive this peace, which Jesus offers to all.*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

The Presentation Hymn 380

*Praise God, Vs.3*

3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*The Celebrant, faces them and sings or says*

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 every-where 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:

The Sanctus and Benedictus *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

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*Celebrant and People*

**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 people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant 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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant 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 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.**

### The Lord's Prayer

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*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

**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. 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

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said or sung by all:*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

### Communion Hymn 645 (vs. 1&6)

**1** The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.

*The King of love my shepherd is*

**6** And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

Communion Hymn LEVAS 144 (vs. 1&4) *I can hear my Savior calling*

**1** I can hear my Savior  
calling, “Take thy cross  
and follow, follow me.”

*Refrain: Where He leads  
me I will follow,  
I'll go with Him, with Him  
all the way.*

**4** He will give me grace  
and glory, And go with  
me, with me all the way.

*Refrain*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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 Blessing *The Celebrant may bless the people.*

### Recessional Hymn 518 (vs. 1&4)

**1** Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

*Christ is made the sure foundation*

**4** Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

## The Dismissal

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*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

## Postlude

### Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Lynda, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie, David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, Christopher, Mario, Bruce, Darren, Ann, Jerry, Dwayne, Brian, Angela and Ruth. For all those affected by COVID-19, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

### Birthdays:

4/26	Chris Samuel	4/28	Madelyn Williams	5/1	Shiras Guion
4/26	Liam McBride	4/29	Judy Sundberg		
4/26	Linda Shippey	4/30	Candace Bell		

### **Update from Fr. Paul+ on COVID measures for Worship Services**

Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. As you know, from the beginning of the pandemic, I have continually stayed abreast of guidance from the CDC, the public health dept., the Diocese, and other authorities to ensure that ECA is following best practices in terms of safety protocols. After reviewing and interpreting all currently available guidance, and in conjunction with discussions with the Vestry, we are putting in place the following COVID Safety Protocols for ECA. These protocols will remain in effect until further notice; however, you may be sure that I will continue to review, consider and interpret any new or additional guidance that may come along and revise these protocols accordingly so that ECA members may continue to worship together safely. At this time we will hold 2 inside worship services not to exceed 50 persons at 8:30am and 10:00am and 1 outside Sunday worship service not to exceed 75 persons at 11:15am with some modifications. It is my sincere hope that we will be able to slowly begin to resume worship among one another keeping within the trust granted to me and the Vestry that you have given us. We have been away from one another for some time and I am aware new "routines" have been created and getting "back in the saddle again" will take an intentional part from all of us. My hope and prayer is that being a part of a worshiping community with one another will take precedence once again in our lives and we will get back to making a difference in the lives of those who are in need both physically and spiritually. May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Christ, Fr. Paul+

### **Ushers/Counters/Lectors Needed**

As we transition back to traditional worship, we are beginning to schedule volunteer positions again. You will see them listed in the weekly newsletter beginning in May. Currently, we are in need of ushers, lectors and counters. If you are interested in volunteering on Sunday mornings, please email [ecanews@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecanews@bellsouth.net). Thank you!

### **Reach Collecting Food items for Local Food Pantries We Support**

We may not be gathering for in-person worship due to diocesan restrictions, but the need for food items at our local food pantries continues. ECA is supporting local charities such as Never Alone and Papa's Pantry in their food ministries. You are welcome to come by on Sundays to drop off these much-needed items, or drive-by the office during the week. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of helping those in need!

## **Education for Ministry to Resume this Summer: Mark your calendar**

Education for Ministry is a small mentored group that provides the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. EFM will resume in August from 1:30-4:00. EFM is a study to help discern your calling and If you are interested or need more information, contact Katie Dunlap at 404-444-6874 or katedunlap5@gmail.com

## **Do you need Prayer, Counseling or Confidential Assistance?**

Fr. Paul is making his Pastoral Rounds. If you are in need of counseling, prayer, simple virtual visit or confidential assistance; please contact Fr. Paul directly at [pcm09@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcm09@bellsouth.net) or call him at 770-490-7234. You may also contact the ECA Senior Warden, Wanda Ziembinski at [ziemby@hotmail.com](mailto:ziemby@hotmail.com). Part of what makes ECA so special is the community and support we offer to one another!

## **Sunday April 18: Worship Service Attendance Numbers**

**8:30AM indoor – 23 | 10:00AM indoor – 13 | 11:15AM outdoor – 13**

The church is open again and we are moving back into worship. We will continue the outdoor 11:15AM service until May 23<sup>th</sup> and we will go back to our regular worship service times at 8:30AM and 10:30AM on May 30th (Memorial Day Weekend). We hope to see more of our parish members returning to in person worship services.

## **Each Month we make our Monthly Financials Available**

<i>(YTD) Through Mar. 2021</i>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Revenues	\$69,183	\$60,844	\$8,339
Expenses	<u>\$48,294</u>	<u>\$62,121</u>	<u>(\$13,827)</u>
Net Year to date	\$20,899	\$1,277	\$22,166

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