



### **GOOD MORNING & WELCOME**

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

**\*\*Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices  
before the start of the service. Thank you.\*\***

The Rev. Nathan Carr – Vicar  
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon  
The Rev. William Font – Deacon  
Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director  
Daisy Leyva-Lara, Children's Coordinator

### **Serving Today:**

Cantor – Doug Rogez  
Greeters / Oblationers – Ron and Priscilla Pierce  
Lay Readers – Babette Patton, Steve Orwig  
and Victoria Thomason  
Acolytes - Ezra Carr, Kaden Watson,  
Sir Patton, and Latoya Burris  
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# The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year A

*Rite II – Holy Eucharist & Hymns – April 30, 2023 – 10:15 AM*

## The Word of God

### Prelude

### Processional

### The Hymnal, #182

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

3. Not throned above, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior with the Father reigns.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and conquer every place and time.

4. In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.

5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns  
through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns  
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Celebrant      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People      And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

### Gloria

### The Hymnal, S280

**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**        **And also with you.**  
Celebrant      Let us pray.

### 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.**

## We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

### The First Lesson

**Acts 2:42-47**

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

                    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 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

## The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal, #645

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.

4 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.

2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

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

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.

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

## The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Lisa Chronister**

**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.**

# The Prayers of the People

Form VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People say together*

*Leader and People*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant may add sentences from scripture*

*Please stand*

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People      And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

#### **Blessing Prayer**

**O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Offertory**

Celebrant      All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

**Offertory Anthem**

**Come Away To the Skies  
St. John's Choir**

*by Alice Parker*

*Come away to the skies,  
My beloved arise  
And rejoice in the day thou wast born,  
On this festival day come exulting away,  
And with singing to Zion return.*

*We have laid up our love and our treasures above,  
Though our bodies continue below;  
The redeem'd of the Lord shall remember His word,  
And with singing to Paradise go.*

*Hallelujah we sing to our Father and King,  
And His rapturous praises repeat;  
To the Lamb that was slain, Hallelujah again;  
Sing all heaven, and fall at His feet.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

**Doxology**

**The Hymnal, #380 (Verse 3)**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

**BCP 367**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

**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.**

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

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.*

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

*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:*

*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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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.**

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**

Celebrant      Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People        Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**The Hymnal, S163**

# **We Share the Gifts of God**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Communion Hymn**

**The Hymnal, #317**

1. This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
this is the heavenly table spread for me;  
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong  
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

2. Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;  
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days  
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.

3. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,  
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,  
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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.**

## Recessional

## The Hymnal, #495

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Savior,  
bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merit we find favor:  
life is given through thy Name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
all our sins on thee were laid:  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven  
through the virtue of thy blood:  
opened is the gate of heaven,  
reconciled are we with God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,  
seated at thy Father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading:  
there thou dost our place prepare;  
ever for us interceding,  
till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing  
thou art worthy to receive;  
highest praises, without ceasing,  
right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
all your noblest anthems raise;  
help to sing our Savior's merits,  
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

**Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God**

**Postlude**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:**

Bob	Denys Lenets	Mary Anne Reed
Beverly Bradley	Jean Ledet & Chad	Mathew Reynolds
Braiden	Dixon	Kathleen Rhodes
Lewis Honor Carr	Kara Lynn	Rob, Ruthie and
Cynthia Cortright	Tony Marruchella	Samuel
Stephanie Dunham	Leland Mayo	Adrienne Robertson
Ed	Betty & Delbert Millican	Betty Sinclair
Sharon Ellington	and Ryan Lightfoot	Family of Kenneth
Joyce Ezell	Trish Morgan	Sosna
Jim Freeman	Paul Mosier	John Steward and
Tom Freeman	David Nelson	Lee DeWitt
Myrna Gowman	Joy Nelson	Martha Steward
Steve Hammontree	The Nichols Family	Nancy Steward
Jean Inge	Babette Patton	Ed Tebow
Jessica	Patty	Donna Walters
Judd	The Pearson Family	Colette Amelia
Sarah Kramer	Monte Pratt	Wantland McDonald
		Ginny Wynn

### Altar Gifts

Flowers are given today by Deborah Nelson in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings.

If you would like to donate towards flowers in memory or honor of someone close to you, please call Nancy at the church office. Suggested donation for the altar flowers is \$50, or \$10 for the sanctuary candle.

### Birthdays This Week

- 1 – Victoria Rogez
- 1 – Peri Bennett
- 2 – Deacon Willie Font
- 3 – Jade (J.D.) Rodgers
- 4 – Lois Lyon
- 6 – Carolyn Kraemer

### Anniversaries

- 30 – Doug & Marilyn Rogez

### Announcements

“Church History – The Reformation” led by Steve Orwig continues . . .

**WEEK EIGHT (April 30) Eucharistic theology in *The Book of Common Prayer*—**

**Which of these best describes your view of what happens during Eucharist?**

1. The Bread and Wine are actually (in a mystical and mysterious way) changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.
2. During Communion, we remember Christ's saving work for us, but Christ is in Heaven at the Right Hand of God, not in the Bread and Wine we consume.

**Monday, May 1, at 5:30 pm** – Feast of St. Philip and St. James Eucharist, Mary Chapel

**Wednesday, May 3, at 5:30 pm** – First Wednesday Eucharist, Mary Chapel

In light of recent events, the Bishops Committee has been reviewing our safety and security guidelines. **As a safety precaution, a member of Bishop's Committee (BC) will lock the front door of the church after the Sunday service begins.** The BC member will remain near the door, for the duration of the service, to provide access for anyone arriving late for the service. Safety precautions are under review for other services. More to come.

**St. John's is looking to hire a nursery worker** who can commit to two / two-and-a-half hours per week for consistent service in our nursery. Background check and Safe Church training will be required. Please contact Nancy if interested.

**Daughters of the King Discernment Classes are scheduled to begin Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 am.**

All women interested in becoming Daughters of the King are encouraged to participate. Eight sessions are planned, led by Nancy Steward and Kathleen Ferguson.

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7,** for the Blessing of the Pet Ashes Garden and the first Pet Blessing service following the Sunday service, at 11:45ish. **All are welcome!!!**

**All the World's a Stage,** a free OKC Handbell Ensemble performance, will be presented on **Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 pm at St. John's Church.** Mark your calendar for this early evening event!